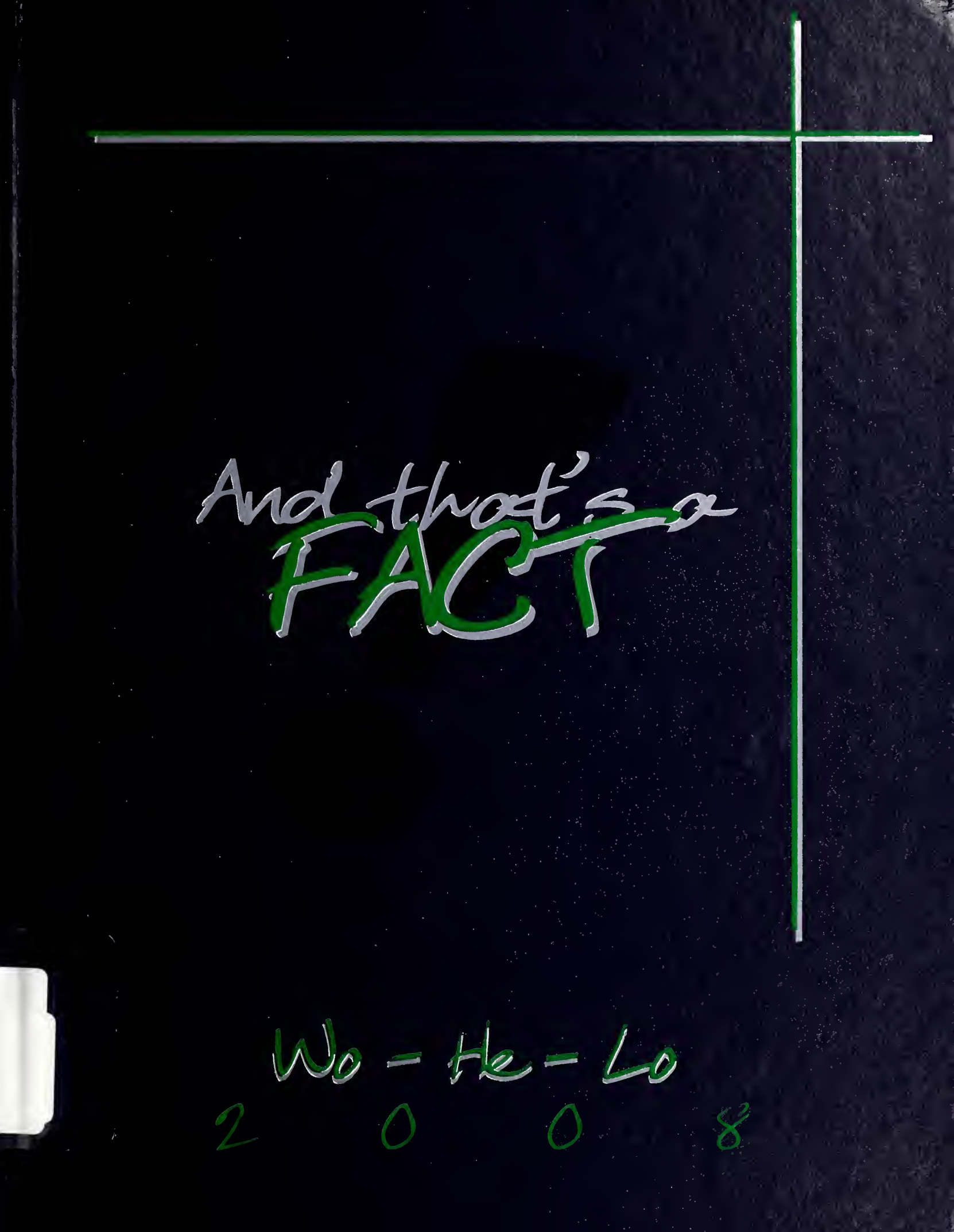
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East Central's yearbook, the *Wo-He-Lo*, was first published in 1941. The title stands for "Work, Heart, Love."

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And that's a FACT

"You take the good, you take the bad, you take them both —

and there you have the facts of life."

These familiar lyrics and *Uncle John's Ultimate Bathroom Reader* are the inspirations for the 67th volume of the East Central Community College *Wo-He-Lo*. The fact is that facts fascinate us, so we decided to spice things up this year and give you the facts - EC style. We've taken the good - there's not much bad - and here we have the EC facts of life.

All the facts about life at EC are right here at your fingertips - it's a new year with new people, new fun, and, best of all, new memories. From Welcome Back Week to graduation day, life EC style is never dull, and we have captured it all. Whether you are in the band drumming on the drum line, in computer lab learning a new program, on the court practicing for the big game, or in your dorm room checking your "My Space" page, it is a fact that EC has something for you - and for everyone.

And we'll even step outside EC life with little-known, interesting facts that will blow your mind! Did you know that the average American can read about 150-200 words a minute? This fact means that the average American reads approximately three words per second! The human brain is a remarkable thing - even if it is 80% water!

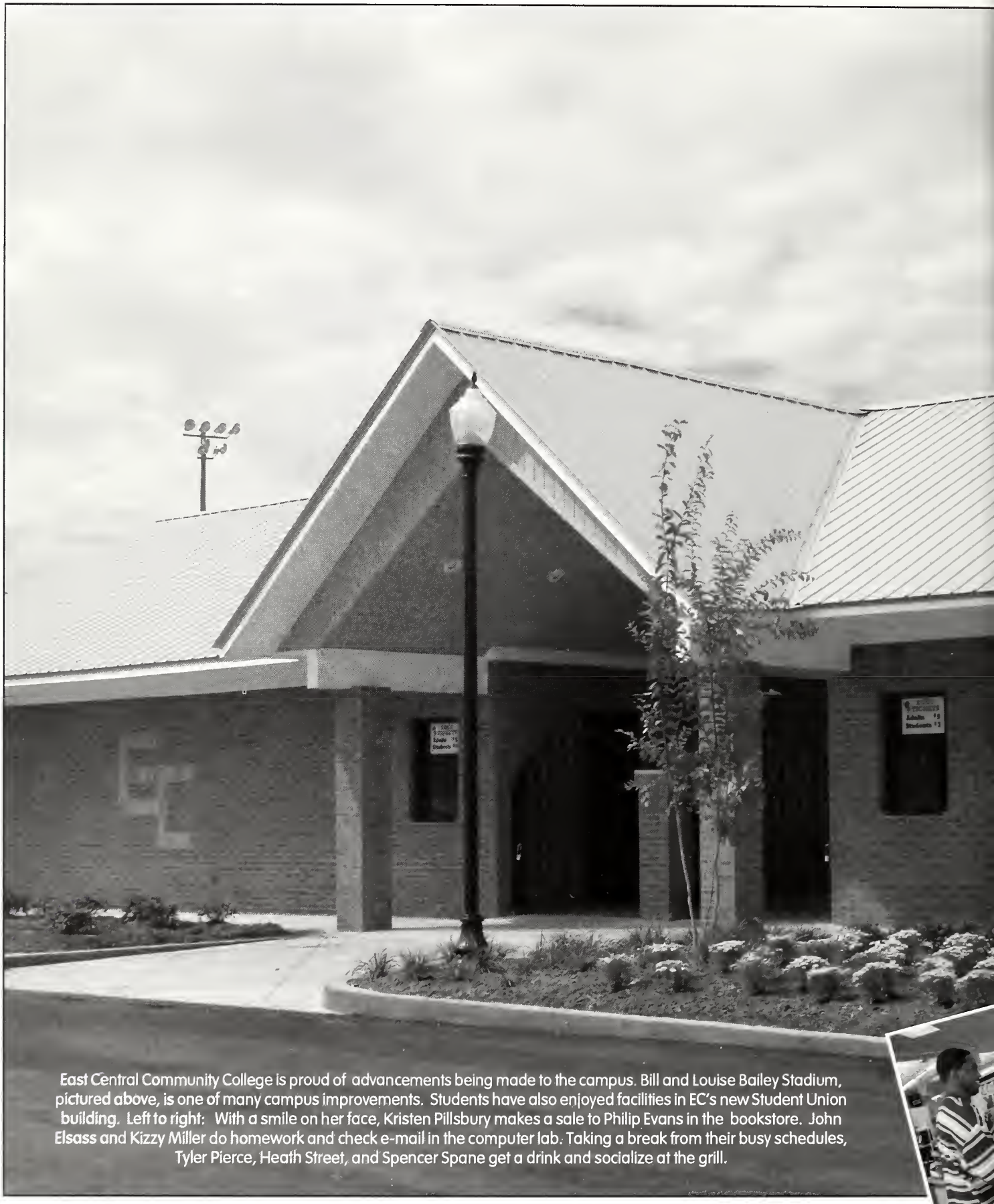
It has been said, "You learn something new every day." That will certainly be true as you read and enjoy this year's *Wo-He-Lo*. The 2008 edition is a fun and enlightening one ~

And that's a FACT

~ *Britni Wright and Candace Long, Editors*

Fact:

EC's first mascot was the Wildcat, but not for long. In the early 1930's, the school adopted the Warrior as its official mascot in honor of the region's rich Native American heritage.



East Central Community College is proud of advancements being made to the campus. Bill and Louise Bailey Stadium, pictured above, is one of many campus improvements. Students have also enjoyed facilities in EC's new Student Union building. Left to right: With a smile on her face, Kristen Pillsbury makes a sale to Philip Evans in the bookstore. John Elsass and Kizzy Miller do homework and check e-mail in the computer lab. Taking a break from their busy schedules, Tyler Pierce, Heath Street, and Spencer Spane get a drink and socialize at the grill.

FACTS to build on . . .

East Central is proof of the fact that as time passes by, things change. From facility improvements to technological advancements to added security, EC has made positive changes to better its students' lives. The administration has worked very hard to see that "My EC" is the best it can be.

The most notable improvements can be seen in campus facilities. The new Student Union building is a nice addition. There, students can socialize in the student lounge or eat at the new modern grill. They can check email on one of twenty new computers in the computer lab, play pool or lift weights, or even shop in the EC's attractive, up-to-date bookstore. The football stadium has also seen notable improvements, including a beautiful new entrance, and it has a new name - Bailey Stadium - in honor of benefactors Bill and Louise Bailey.

EC has had technological improvements, too. Online capabilities have been expanded with the additions of "My EC" and EC Blackboard. "My EC" gives students access to their accounts online. They can check their financial aid status, add classes to their schedules, view an unofficial transcript from previous semesters, and do many other things that past students could not do. EC Blackboard, which is a virtual classroom for students, allows campus classes to be viewed online. Teachers can post assignments, announcements, and notes for students, and students can have discussions with their teachers and classmates via the discussion board. These updates will make EC students more technology literate as they continue their educations.

In addition, EC has upgraded campus security. Barber Hall and Jackson Hall both have guards posted in the lobby, and the administration is planning the installation of additional technologies in student housing facilities to secure the safety of students. Also, EC students must now wear their student IDs in a visible manner at all times so that security can question anyone who is on campus without an ID to avoid intruders on campus.

East Central Community College has been improved drastically over the past two years, with more beneficial changes still to come. "My EC" is continually striving to be the best it can be . . .

~ *Britni Wright*

And that's a FACT

Fact:

The first product to have a bar code scanned was Wrigley's gum.

Ruby Crew

Charlie Leake Apartments' Pet

Fact:

Three percent of Americans shower with their pets.

Storing the

Fact:

The first rock climbing wall was invented in 1964 by a British college professor.

Jorrick Calvin

Laura Pearson, Valerie Johnson

Fact:

The average chocolate bar has eight insect legs in it.

Fact:

Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

Billy Zynosky-Sharpling

Matt Wade

Fact:

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

FACTS!

Fact:

At any one time, there are 100 million phone conversations going on in the U.S.

Johnny Lockett

Ciera Robinson, Precious Johnson, Krystal Hardy, Krystal Knight, Rod Lofton

Fact:

The potato chips Americans eat each year weigh six times as much as the Titanic.

Lana Adkins, Fatisha Crockett

Student Life

The fact is . . .

Student Life invdves the **everyday:**

- going to dass and studying for that next big test
- checking Facebook or MySpace
- chatting away with friends at lunch
- commuting, working, practicing

Student Life invdves the **special:**

- meeting the Warriors at the Welcome Back Week picnic
- dancing Warrior style around the Homecoming bonfire
- dressing up for the beauty review
- dressing crazy for Haunted House of Hoops
- winding up the year with the excitement of Spring Spree

The fact is . . .

Student Life at EC provides opportunities to learn, develop friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Travis Smallwood, Cassidy Byars, Corey Sharp, Jonathan Crabtree

At the Welcome Back Week picnic, Courtney Elkins and Lacy McMurry leap with Warrior spirit. "I love being a Centralette," Lacy expressed. "It's fun, and it gives me the opportunity to meet new people."

Trying to defy gravity, Valerie Johnson stretches as far as she can down the bungee run before being jerked right back to where she started.

FACT:

The real power of hypnosis comes from the trust the hypnotist can instill in his subjects. They must believe that he can control their minds, even though there is no scientific consensus that such a thing as mind control even exists.

At the Meet the Warriors picnic, Sam Lewis, Steven Walters, Brandon Williams, Kevin Moore, and Kyle Buckley enjoy their food while listening to the great sounds of EC's performiance groups.

Far Right: With a look of amazement, Genny Freeman shows that she is very impressed with the strength of Parker Bullock's muscles.

"I was actually hypnotized - hard to believe!"
~ Nichole Ball

"I felt like a kid again!"
~ Julie Gaines

"Don't be fooled - my muscles are rock solid."
~ Kenyaun Corbin

Welcome to "MY EC"

"What is MY EC?" students may ask. Welcome Back Week gave them the answer to this question! Welcome Back Week showed students that "MY EC" is a place where students can learn and have fun at the same time!

The week started with a "bounce" on Monday, when Baptist Student Union hosted Inflatables Night, which allowed students to get wet and wild. With a slip-n-slide, rock wall, and all kinds of inflatables to bounce on, who wouldn't have fun? On Tuesday night, students danced the night away at the annual Welcome Back Dance in the South Gym.

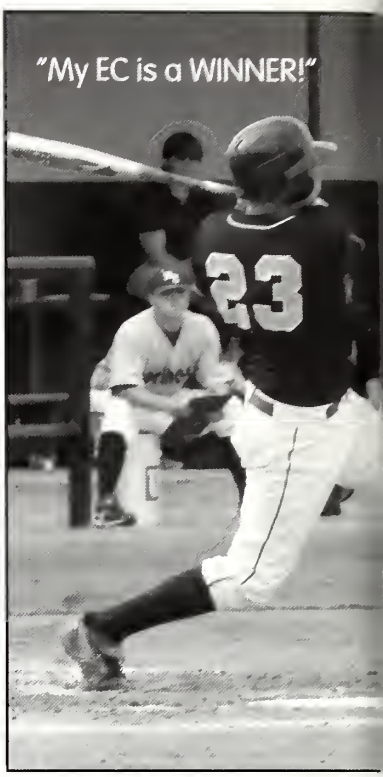
Huff Auditorium filled with the buzz of hundreds of students anxious to discover the "power of the mind" Wednesday night with hypnotist Colonel Ed Wallington, who made his thirty-fifth appearance on our campus. By making students accomplish extraordinary tasks, Colonel Wallington proved to students: "What your mind conceives; your body achieves." They lifted a 127-ton bar with their own strength; viewed attractive men/women with x-ray glasses; imitated a toaster, a blender, a pilot, and a chainsaw by doing silly jesters; killed rats with a broom; and even got caught drinking by Mr. Killens.

Welcome Back Week concluded with a picnic at the mall, where students enjoyed the sound of EC's Collegians and the remarkable moves of the Centralettes and cheerleaders, along with the spectacular sounds of EC's drumline. Students also ate good food while socializing and meeting EC's sports teams.

The week warmly welcomed new and old students to EC, and they came to see that EC is not just a college; EC is a place they can make their own. By the week's end, students could say, "It's MY EC!"

~ Kylie Rigdon

My EC . . . is your EC!!



Swinging for the fence, sophomore Chris Parkman says his EC lets him be part of a state championship baseball team!

What is "My EC"? "My EC" began as a catch phrase created by technology director David Case as a way to log into East Central's new student information system. Bubby Johnston and Maria McLeod in the Office of Public Information liked the phrase and used it as the basis of a new and innovative ad campaign. Their idea was that "MY EC" is different from "YOUR EC." McCleod noted, "Everyone's EC is different from the next person's; it just depends on how one sees EC."

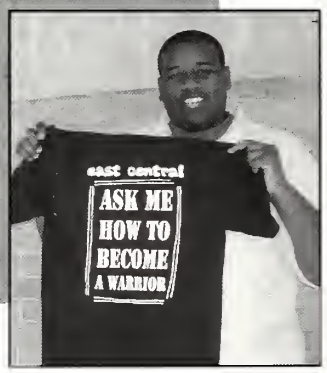
So what is "My EC"? The answers are as varied as the students who attend East Central. "My EC is a place where I can go to hang out with new and old FRIENDS". ~ "It's my home away from HOME." ~ "It's a place where I can be a ROCKSTAR!" ~ "My EC is a WINNER!" ~ "My EC is CASH in my pocket." ~ "My EC bleeds BLACK and GOLD!" ~ "Yes, my EC is a little CRAZY at times." ~ "It's a place where I know I can get a good MEAL." ~ "It's a place I know I feel WELCOMED!"

That is what makes EC such a great place: it is so many things all rolled into one! And yet, though unique in many ways, EC is still one place where students share a common bond as Warriors. In the end this phrase sums it up ~ "MyEC . . .is your EC!"

~ Jennifer Sistrunk

"My EC lets me fly high!!"
~ Matt Naylor

"At my EC, I recruit others to become Warriors!!"
~Austin Crouther



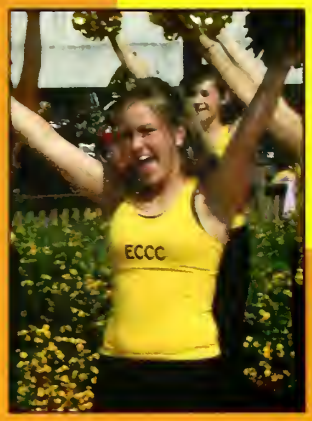
"My EC is preparing me for my future job!!"
~ Kayla Ann Fredrick

Around EC, seeing double is not an uncommon thing for friends of twins Becke and Brooke Culpepper.

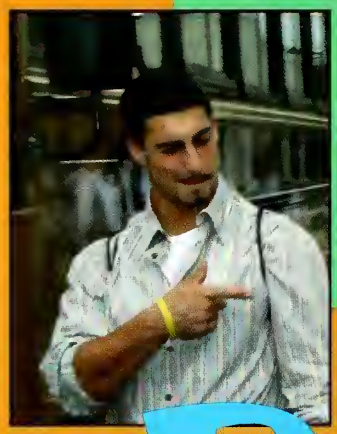
"EC is the buliding block of my future", says sophomore C.J. Crawford. "Here at MY EC I am able to get my basics in elementry education before I transfer to a university after graduation."

Showing off his refund money, Drew Gillis is proud of the rewards his EC offers him to be a Warrior. EC students can earn scholarship money for involvement in clubs, musical groups, and athletic teams, as well as for service and academic excellence.

"I love the thrill pep rallies give me while supporting our team."
~ Brittany Germany



"EC pep rallies are the best! I am really going to miss them when I leave."
~ Dustin Evans



"Pep rallies always get me ready to go out and do my best during the game!"
~ Bryon Rizzi

EC Pride: never in short supply

It's a cool sunny Thursday morning and the murmur of eager students fills the air, while the band warms up and cheerleaders do stretches and kicks to get the excitement buzzing. The children point and stare in awe at the sight before them as Centralettes practice last minute routines, making sure to get every move right. The fight song breaks out and soon the Mall is filled with cheering and the roar of the crowd. As the teams look on, the band plays full blast, the cheerleaders do perfectly choreographed stunts, and the Centralettes dance their hearts out. Sound familiar? This is just one of the many thrilling East Central pep rallies that always remind doubters that Warrior Pride is never in short supply!

Some of the most exciting moments at each pep rally occur during the mini-games that encourage participation from fellow Warriors throughout the crowd. Onlookers laugh and cheer as barrel races take place or a new dance craze is shown off for all to learn. Creating dazzling pep rallies and mini-games does not come easy, though. It takes a lot of hard work, determination, and teamwork to bring these shows to life. As freshman Centralette Nicole Dunavant puts it, "The Centralettes, cheerleaders, football team, and coaches do a great job of getting the student body involved and excited about the big game each week!"

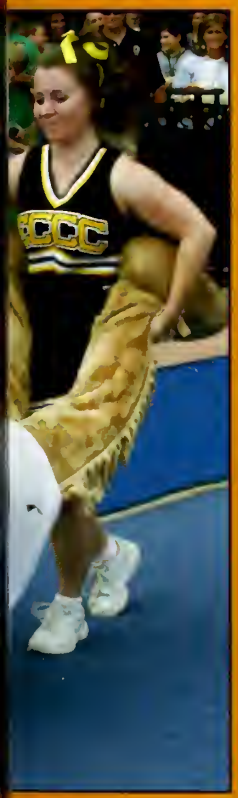
Pep rallies at East Central display the overwhelming support every individual here has for our athletic teams. Rousing speeches from Dr. Sutphin, coaches, and team members help propel the Warrior enthusiasm all the way to the playing field for each game. Freshman Tanika Robinson expresses it well: "ECCC pep rallies are great! The music is very catchy and upbeat, and the stunts are awesome!"

Warrior pride and Warrior spirit - they are never in short supply at an EC pep rally!

~ Shaun Cooper

Smiling all the while, Morty Bergin, Regon Joyner, Locy McMurry, Courtney Elkins, Carmen Ezell, ond the rest of the Centrolettes show off their incredible dance moves ot a foll pep rolly. Morty noted, "Pep rollies give us o chonce to pump up the team and fans, ond the whole time I'm doing something thot I love!"

As port of Centrolettes' onnuol initiation week, freshmen Brooke Culpepper, Becky Culpepper, Locy McMurry, Krystle Wolverton, and Tiffany Thomas attend a pep rally os babies. Even though they may look like they are having fun, Brooke declared, "Being a baby is harder than it looks."



FACT:

Contrary to popular lore, cheerleading did not start in the South. In fact, cheerleading has New England roots, beginning back in the 1870s when Princeton organized the first pep club.

Far left: Eloino Jomes gets the fons pumped up while doing the "wheel barrow" with the Warrior mascot Shorlo Joyner.

Cheerleaders Juley Taylor, Kayla Adcock, Eloino Jomes, Emily Thrash, ond Dru Andersonmoke o pyramid - with the help of the unseen guys, of course. "I love showing my school spirit," Koylo soid, "ond I hove fun getting the crowd involved to help cheer on the Worriors!"

FACT:

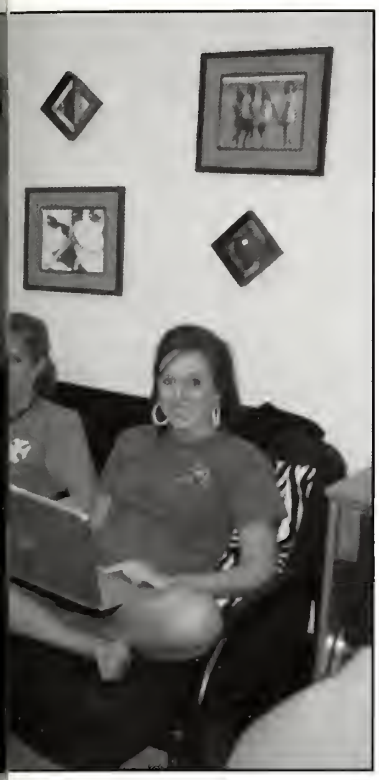
The average bed is home to six billion dust mites - even in dorm rooms!.

No backyard is needed for dorm student Trenton Cockrell, who grills up some delicious homburgers before a Warrior game. "This is how reol men do it," said Trenton.

For Right: Enjoying their nicely decorated dorm room, Tiffony Thomos ond Erica Dowell see what's new on Focebook.

Making mud pies is not just o childhood pastime. Alicia Stokes and Ruby Crew entertain themselves on o nice fall day in the sand outside of Leoke Apartments.

Waiting patiently for his turn on Guitor Hero, Nathan Chaney wotches os Wade Pierce jams in Winston Holl.



Home away from home

For many students, East Central is their home away from home, and a quick look into any dorm room on campus will confirm one fact: these students come in all shapes, sizes, and personality types. The neat and the messy, the studious and the not-so-studious, the quiet and the boisterous - these opposites and more call EC's dorms home.

While one jumps right into bed at night, the other must move piles of clothes, papers, and empty coke bottles just to find the mattress. One student's motto is "early to bed," while the other interprets that as getting to bed at 3 A.M. Some dorm students - primarily the ladies - have carefully coordinated bedding and accessories to fit their personalities; others declare that "matchy-matchy" is not for them. But the opposites don't really matter; in fact, they enhance dorm life and prove that variety truly is the spice of life.

Of course, there are the familiar sights and sounds of typical dorm life: studying, laughing and talking, watching a bit of TV, playing video games, enjoying a late-night snack, and a little dancing here and there. But this fact remains: no matter what differences or similarities EC's dorm students may share, they all enjoy that taste of independence that their home away from home gives them.

~ Britni Wright

"Being in the dorm makes me do more for myself because Mom isn't here to help!"

~ Brittany Wilcher

"Dorm life has allowed me to meet many new people who have become great friends."

~ Amanda Hines

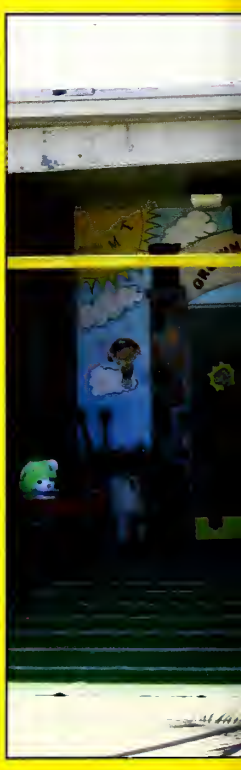
"Dorm life has made me realize how different people are. I haven't had any problems, and I've even become brothers with some."

~ Marico Jones

Homecoming at East Central is filled with traditions. Two popular traditions are the annual bonfire pep rally, where students can show spirit by dancing Warrior style around the fire, and the colorful displays throughout campus that convey the Homecoming theme. Below, the Skills USA display at Tucker Vocational Building shows that the Warriors are ready to meet the Co-Lin Wolves.

Homecoming 2007 was a beautiful fall day, and the members of the Homecoming Court - Joy Hayes, Briana Edison, Krystal Knight, Kendra Sanders, Dru Anderson, Anna Rouse, Jordon Patterson, Shonda Marshall, and Patience Haynes - were equally gorgeous.

Far Right: Faculty members in Cross Hall show Warrior spirit with their brightly colored Homecoming display.



"Homecoming is a way for us to show the alumni and students what the Wall O'Sound has come to be."
~ Candy Ezell

"Playing a 'six-string' in a marching band is definitely a first for me."
~ Casey Stokes

"Color guard is a lot of hard work, but events like Homecoming make it all worthwhile."
~Rachel Oatman

Coming Home to "MY EC"

As alumni, parents, and students arrived at Homecoming 2007, there was no question that "Growing, Caring, Sharing" was the perfect Homecoming theme.

The fact that East Central Community College had grown was clearly evident to all in attendance. They found that campus had changed for the better, and as they renewed old friendships and formed new ones, they discovered that even the people had grown in different ways throughout the years. Everyone came ready to support the Warriors, displaying that both caring and sharing are characteristic of all Warrior fans, young and old.

Young ladies in gorgeous dresses, guys donning handsome black tuxes, a fantastic band, a crowded stadium, and a team ready to give their all made the day complete. Homecoming celebrated the growth of EC and gave participants a chance to share memories and make new ones. Current students saw a part of the past, alumni got a glimpse of the future, and everyone could say that it was nice to come home to "my EC."

~ Britni Wright

FACTS from Homecomings Past:

1. The first Homecoming queen was Frances Thomas Williams of Philadelphia, elected during the 1939-1940 Homecoming.
2. During the early years, the Homecoming queen was elected by the football players, and she was escorted by the captain of the football team at halftime.
3. The first Homecoming queens were called "sponsors," and the number elected could range from one to three.
4. Before 1955, girls who were members of the Homecoming Court wore suits, carried a bouquet of roses or chrysanthemums, and interestingly, sometimes wore hats.
5. There are sixty-nine Homecoming queens or football sponsors recorded in East Central's history.

"Homecoming is a special game - I just wanted to get the crowd and the team fired up for it."

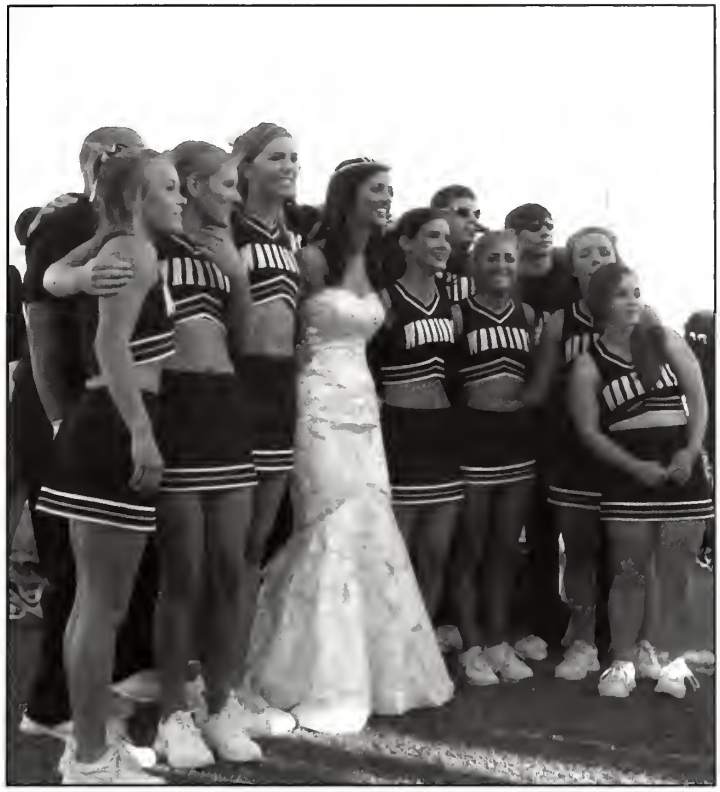
~ Kenneth Whitfield

"Being a Homecoming escort was fun. It gave me a chance to dress up and watch the game right on the field."

~ Mark Wilson

"It was an honor to represent the freshman class at Homecoming. I had a blast!"

~ Joy Hayes



Homecoming Queen Dru Anderson and the Warrior cheerleaders stop for a moment to capture a memory of Homecoming 2007. Juley Taylor enjoyed the day. "Cheering at the Homecoming game was so much fun!" she said. "I loved showing my school spirit to old and new EC students."

Surrounded by members of the Warrior defense, this Co-Lin running back is stopped after a short gain.

Fired up and ready to play, Katlan French and Ken Whitfield lead the team onto the field.

Top Ten Beauties

Brittany White, Beth Alexander, Candi Vance, Kelly Kight, Dekota Anthony, Emily Thrash, Kacy Covert, Amber Madison, Erin Slay, Jordan Taylor

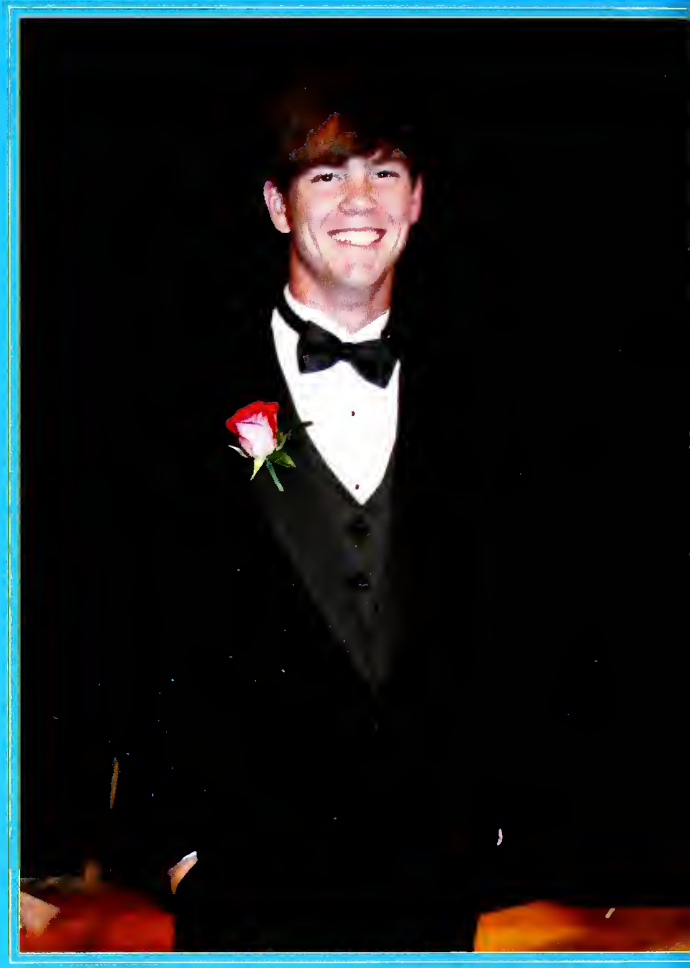
Beauty of a Warrior

Is my dress straight? Does my hair look good? Do I have lipstick on my teeth? For the young ladies, there is so much to think about before taking that walk across the stage. They know that though there are many Warrior beauties who vie for the title of Most Beautiful, only one can walk away with the crown.

But the annual beauty review isn't just a night of beauty and competition,; it's also a night of friendship and fun. Backstage the beaus goof off and have a good time. The girls, on the other hand, find a helping hand when they need one zipping up their dress or reapplying their makeup. They help each other through their nervousness and work together to show the judges true Warrior beauty.

Top honors in the 2007 pageant went to Emily Thrash and Sam Lewis, but each contestant did an outstanding job onstage, showing how beautiful and handsome Warriors can be. The night of Warrior beauty was a success.

~ Jennifer Sistrunk



Most Handsome

Sam Lewis

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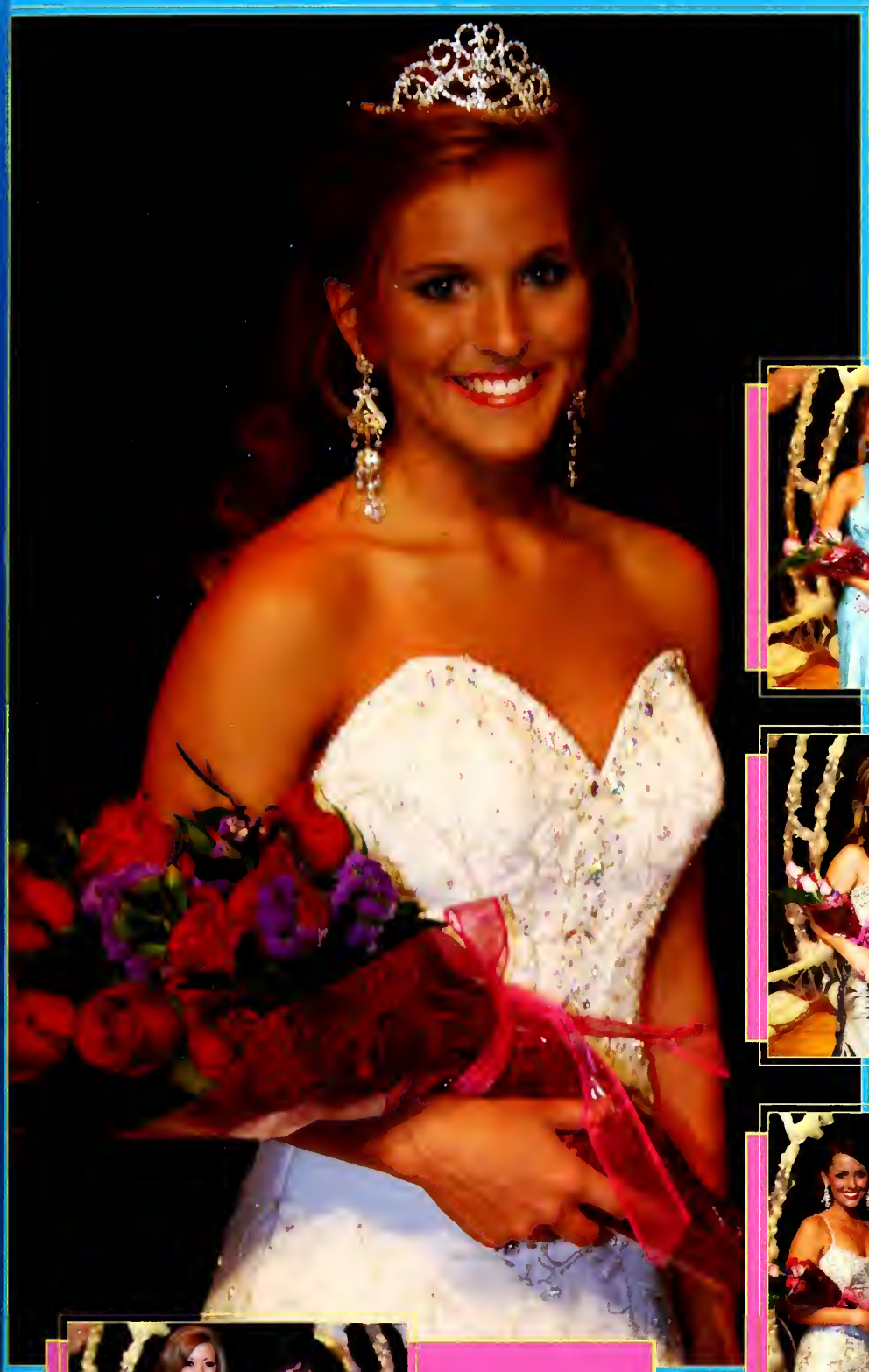
Most Beautiful

Emily Thrash
Sebastopol



Brittany White
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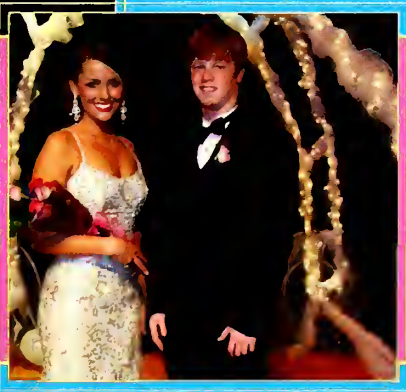
Rick Parks
Philadelphia

Jordan Taylor
Macon

Ryan Monk
Lake



Erin Slay
Brandon

Andrew Marshall
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Kelly Kight
Louisville

Hunter Hayes
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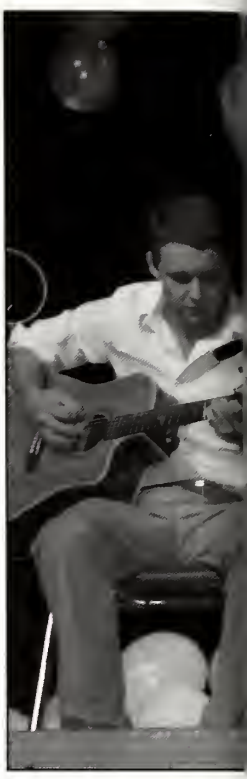


On stage, Olivio Scott ond Erin Slay flash their best smiles as they try to impress the judges. Olivia said she really enjoyed being in the beauty review. She added, "My fovorite port was being able to see all the different dresses girls wore. They were absolutely beoutiful."

For Right: Intermissions at the pageont feotured vorious entertainers. Caleb Frink ond Colby Amis pleose with crowd as the judges confer.

The bockstoge otmosphere was fun and friendly. At right, the beaus - Andrew Morsholl, Rick Porks, Hunter Hayes, Ryan Monk, ond Som Lewis - joke and smile os they woit their turn on stage. Below, Queena Gage and Sharniece McDonold ore relaxed and ready in the dressing room filled with "Good Luck" bolloons ond other "happies."

American Beauty Pageants: A Brief History

~The first American beauty pageant, staged by P.T. Barnum in 1854, was shut down due to public protest.

~In 1880, as a part of a summer festival to promote business, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, held the first "Bathing Beauty Pageant." As this pageant became more popular, contests became a regular part of the beach life, and other pageants began to form, including the "Fall Frolic," a pageant held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

~In 1921, the first Miss America Pageant was held under the title "Inter-City Beauty Contest." This pageant eventually included preliminary eliminations, an evening gown competition, musical variety shows, and judging by panel.

~Pageants have now become a tradition on college campuses across the country.

~Today's Beauty and Beau Pageant at EC was first the Miss ECJC Scholarship Pageant. Contestants had to compete in interview, swimsuit, talent, and evening gown competitions. "Most Beautiful" won a $500 scholarship, competed for the Miss Mississippi title, and then performed at the next Beauty and Beau Pageant.

"It was a lot of fun, and I loved getting all dressed up!"
~Hannah Miles

"I would NOT have done this if Jennifer Sistrunk hadn't tricked me into it!"
~ Andrew Marshall

"I was so nervous, but really excited, too!"
~ Marty Ann Bergin

SBA officers assist people in signing in at EC's Haunted House of Hoops. "Haunted House of Hoops is different from the normal SBA activities. We get to dress up for Halloween just like when we were kids," exclaimed Brookes Mayes.

In the traditional intrasquad game, Tenesha Brown drives past her defender.

FACT:

The typical American consumes twenty-six pounds of candy a year, mostly during holidays like Halloween.

Solemn Secret Service agent McClain Mullins protects president Drew Gillis as he gives Centralette Brooke Culpepper a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. McClain's thoughts: "I don't get paid enough for this job."

Far Right: Slamming the ball through the hoop, Mark Wilson shows off his skills in the dunking competition.

"It was a tough shot to make, but it was worth the try."
~ Cody Shaw

"Who knew I would get to play cops and robbers in college?"
~ Adam Brown

"Being able to wear a costume and show my school spirit was so much fun!"
~ Candi Vance

a truly Spooktacular October night

October at East Central always brings out the Halloween spirit that lies within every Warrior at the annual Haunted House of Hoops. For one night, students and faculty dress up as their favorite characters and enjoy an exciting night of basketball, games, and delicious food. Each year, the Student Body Association organizes the spooky event that is designed to showcase EC's upcoming basketball season with a frightful twist.

This year, the East Central cheerleaders provided hearty laughs when the girls dressed as cops and the boys acted the parts of robbers. Joining in the festivities, the Centralettes emerged in their boots and eye patches to bring the essence of pirates to life. Not only do EC students join in the fun, but children from the community also take part by dressing up in costume and collecting candy from students. While costumes were a large part of the fun, games were also organized to keep the crowd on the tips of their toes.

In one popular game, two students were selected to "shoot for tuition." Unfortunately, neither student made the shot that would've gotten their spring semester of classes paid for. Instead, they got to enjoy a night of fun and laughs with friends. Other exciting games included legendary dunking contests and a coaches' shooting contest that kept the crowd entertained. The traditional intrasquad basketball games topped off the night.

Haunted House of Hoops provided an opportunity for the community to come together and take a peak at what EC would have to offer in the upcoming basketball season. Fun games, costumes, and great food all combined to create a mix of memories that will be remembered by all who took part in this truly "spooktacular" event.

~Shaun Cooper

A Chance to shine

With hard work and an inbred determination for success, intramural players certainly had the opportunity to shine during the 2007-2008 school year. From individual to team sports, participants displayed their skills, enjoyed exciting competition, and had a lot of fun as they did so.

Throughout the year, EC sported several good teams in a variety of sports, but no other teams rocked the campus like the football teams. The fall 2007 season proved to be a thrilling one, and at the season's end, the two top teams combined players to compete against other state community colleges.

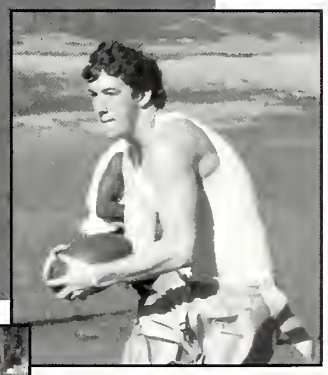
Their motto was "players making plays," and EC's intramural football team did so as they brought home the top honors in the second annual MACJC Flag Football Championship, winning over Jones County Junior College 20-19. Player-coach Justin Boone revealed his excitement over the win: "It was nice to win a state championship because it was the only one that we all have ever won." He distinctly remembered the winning moment as "one of the best experiences" he has ever had and added that he and his teammates enjoyed the chance to say, "My EC lets me win intramural state championships!"

Intramural sports at East Central allowed students to showcase their talents and team skills while enjoying the support from the community. Everyone wants a chance to shine, and intramural sports at EC gave its students just that.

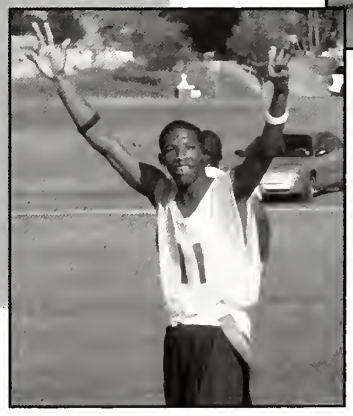
~ Shaun Cooper

"Everything about intramural football is fun, especially the competition. We had a great time beating other community college teams." ~ Drew Crowell

"Intramural football gave me something competitive to do. I had a lot of fun this season." ~ Jonathan Worrell



"I enjoyed playing with other guys at EC. It was great to win EC's championship game, too." ~ Terell Haynes

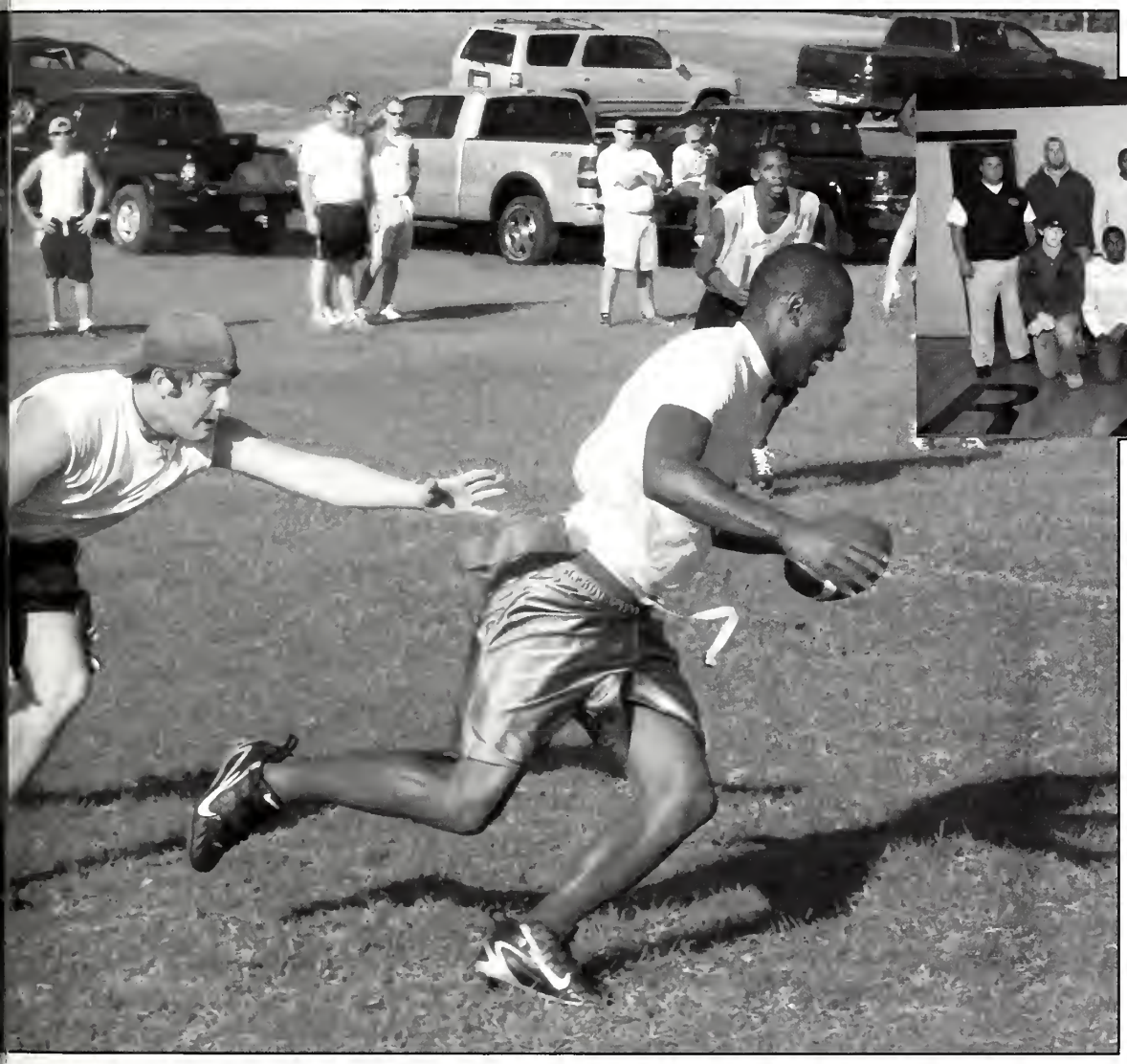


FACT:

Flag football was developed on military bases in the early 1940's as a recreational sport for military personnel.

Far Left: With protection from teammate Deon Hudson, quarterback Stuart Hall has time to find his receiver downfield.

As Keith Brown takes the snap, receivers Drew Crowell and Jonathan Warrell, members of "The Champs," prepare to run their routes.



East Central's intramural football team won the second annual MACJC Flag Football Championship by edging Jones County 20-19. Kneeling: Jonathan Worrell, Ken Robinson, Dustin Forsythe, David Mart, Drew Crowell, Cody Shaw, and Jarrod Holloway. Standing: Coach Scott Hill, Tyler Walters, Jeremy Holmes, Cameron Gates, Brent Blackwell, Keith Brown, and Justin Boone. Not pictured: Deon Hudson.

Eluding opponent Brent Blackwell, Ken Robinson scrambles out of the pocket and takes the ball down the field.

Few teams can complete the difficult task of moving down the field while keeping their arms linked in the Amoeba Race. However, Caleb Frink, Morgan Milling, Kyle Squires, Jennifer Sistrunk, and other members of "The Ones to Beat" give it their best shot.

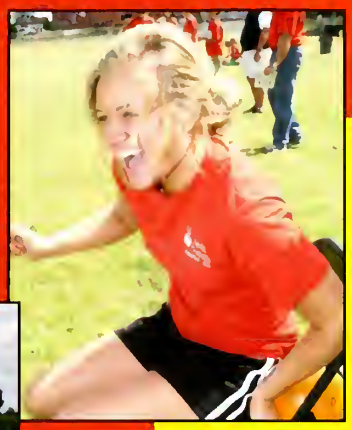
The "Go-Gettas" enjoy their moment as Spring Spree champs. They dominated the 2007 games and took top honors.

FACT:

The Amoeba Race is the most popular Spring Spree event each year.

Aiming ever so carefully, Delynn Agee drops the egg into her partner's cup, just missing his head.

Far Right: Trying to be careful and fast at the same time, Eric Dowell makes his way across the field in the egg race.



"Spring Spree was a great time for us to come together and have a blast!"
~ Carmen Ezelle

"I love everything about Spring Spree - the season, the students, the sponsors, the games! I wouldn't miss it!"
~ Tony Kinton

"Spring Spree was definitely a mouthfull!"
-Lucas Quinn

You only play once, but...

East Central is a one-of-a-kind place, with one-of-a-kind people, and with a one-of-a-kind week called SPRING SPREE!

During this week students just let go and have the time of their lives. Whether they are getting spiked in the head with a volleyball, dropping eggs on their teammates' heads, eating all the crawfish humanly possible (or at least until the crawfish run out!), or even running around with a banana under their armpits, students know what matters most - the attitude that WINNING IS NOT IMPORTANT! Yes, winning is enjoyed by some like the "Go-Gettas," the champs of Spring Spree 2007, but for everyone win or lose - it's the fun that counts. Caitlin Harper expressed it best: "The competition was fun, but I was only there for a good time!"

Each year, a slogan prevails, like "It ain't clean... but it's fun." This past Spring Spree slogan fits the annual week very well because during the typical Spring Spree, even the biggest "girly-girls" get a little dirty during the games. This year's slogan is equally fitting and sums up these one-of-a-kind games perfectly: "YOU ONLY PLAY ONCE, BUT IF YOU PLAY LIKE US ONCE IS ENOUGH!!!"

~ Jennifer Sistrunk

At her first Spring Spree, Nichole Ball says the crawfish boil was the funnest EC tradition she's taken part in! "It was a real mouthful."

Far Right: While getting a little dizzy, Andy Johnson tries to keep up with the rest of his competition in the famous bat spin.

Getting their attention with his bull horn, Joe Killens takes a few minutes to explain to students the rules of the next game.

Courtney Ingram and Caitlin Harper look on as teammates Morgan Milling and Brittany Barfield try to fit in and out of the hula hoop without letting go of the other's hand.

. . . if you play like us, once is enough!

"I haven't had that much fun running around since elementary school!!"
~ Leslie Nash

"Spring Spree is one of the best memories I have at EC with my friends!"
~ Dru Anderson

"Let's just say things got a little wet!"
~ Tyler McCool

Tyler Walters, Julie Gaines

Honors

The fact is . . .

Honors at East Central recognize **excellence:**

- notable academic ability
- strong leadership skills
- active campus involvement

Honors at East Central recognize the **special:**

- students who possess exemplary character
- those who are liked and respected by both faculty and peers
- those who contribute positively to this college

The fact is . . .

Honors recognize EC's best students, ones who work hard to succeed in all they endeavor.

Dr. Phil Sutphin
Dru Anderson
Ryan Reeves

Mr. and Miss ECCC

Tyler Walters

Classmates describe Tyler Walters as friendly, likeable, and down-to-earth. These positive qualities undoubtedly led them to elect Tyler as Mr. ECCC for 2008. The son of Roger and Lisa Walters of Forest, he has been most involved on campus as an athlete. In his two years at EC, he has played on both the football and tennis teams and has been active in intramural sports as well. Tyler is a strong student, too; he is a Dean's List Scholar and member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is a goal-oriented young man who earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in scouting. Tyler has a positive attitude about life, which he gains from his favorite verse, Matthew 6:27: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" He encourages his fellow students not to worry and become stressed out. He adds, "Do what you can with what you are given. Live one day at a time, and you'll be fine in the end."

Julie Gaines

Julie Gaines, the daughter of Keith and Rita Gaines of Philadelphia, is clearly well-liked and respected by her peers. They elected her freshman class president and SBA secretary as a sophomore, and she was their natural choice for Miss ECCC in 2008. She's known by her classmates as an energetic, friendly person who is fun to be around and is always willing to lend a hand. An academically talented and involved student, Julie has earned the respect of the faculty as well; they named her to the 2008 Hall of Fame. She is a Dean's List and President's List Scholar who is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. She participates in intramural sports and is a member of the varsity tennis team. Julie also is a member of Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and the *Tom-Tom*. A person of strong faith, Julie recognizes that all she has comes from God. She says, "God has given us this wonderful gift of life. We should live each day with hope and a purpose."

Beth Alexander

Beth is a strong student who has been extremely involved in campus activities during her time at East Central. Her induction to the 2008 Hall of Fame is well-deserved.

A home school graduate, Beth is the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock. Her impressive academic record includes membership in Phi Theta Kappa, selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* and the All-USA Academic Team, and being named a Dean's List Scholar. As a freshman, Beth also won the Scholar's Bowl Award. During her two years at East Central, Beth has performed with EC's Concert Choir and the EC Players, receiving the EC Players Award in 2007. She serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa and secretary of the President's Council; she also holds membership in Warrior Corps, the Tom-Tom, Baptist Student Union, and EC Environmental Club. Her strength as a student and her willingness to participate in a variety of campus activities make Beth a fitting member of the 2008 Hall of Fame.

Dru Anderson

Dru is a likeable young lady who has a positive attitude and is well-respected by her peers. She is an exceptional student who has been an asset to this college.

Dru Anderson is the daughter of Max and Pat Anderson of Decatur and a graduate of Newton County High School. A President's List Scholar, her other academic honors include membership in Phi Theta Kappa, selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, and recognition as an All-Scholastic Cheerleader. She is a versatile student who performs with Ac'cents and the BSU Praise Team, cheers with the Warrior cheerleading squad, and plays on the varsity tennis team, receiving the team's Most Valuable Player Award in spring 2007. In her two years at EC, Dru's classmates chose her to represent them as freshman Homecoming maid, Homecoming queen, and class favorite. A natural leader, she was also elected class vice-president as a freshman and SBA president as a sophomore and was named Warrior Corps co-president her sophomore year. Dru serves on the President's Council and the Baptist Student Union Council and is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Wesley Foundation. Her career at East Central has clearly been an exceptional one.

Noah Cook

Noah is an outgoing student who always has a smile on his face. Creative and talented, he is a very determined young man who excels in academics , athletics, and the performing arts.

Noah Cook, son of Sidney and Stacy Cook of Hickory, is a graduate of Newton County High School. Noah's strong academic record has led to his being named a Dean's List and President's List Scholar, a Warrior Scholar/Athlete, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa and *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. A talented athlete, he is a member of EC's tennis team, soccer team, and cheerleading squad. He was chosen Most Improved Cheerleader his sophomore year and received the Hustle Award for soccer as a freshman. Noah is musically talented as well, performing in Collegians, Ac'cents, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. He is also an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Student Union and serves as vice-president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. Maintaining a high GPA and excelling in a wide variety of campus activities have made Noah a positive ambassador for this college during his career at East Central.

Julie Gaines

Julie is a superb student who is highly motivated and extremely conscientious. She is very involved in school activities and always goes above and beyond in any task assigned to her.

Daughter of Keith and Rita Gaines of Philadelphia, Julie Gaines is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. She is a Dean's List and a President's List Scholar whose academic honors also include membership in Phi Theta Kappa and selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Julie has been recognized as a leader by her peers: she was chosen class president as a freshman and Student Body Association secretary as a sophomore. She was also honored by her classmates as Miss East Central Community College for 2008. Julie participates in intramural sports and is a member of the varsity tennis team. Her membership in the Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and the *Tom-Tom* completes what has been an outstanding career at East Central. Her selection to the 2008 Hall of Fame is well-deserved.

Hall of Fame

Ashley Henley

Ashley has an outstanding academic record and is an active participant in various campus activities. She has worked to make a difference at East Central.

Ashley Henley, daughter of Ken and Kim Henley of Hickory, is a home school graduate. Her academic honors include recognition as a President's List Scholar, a National Dean's List Scholar, a Guistwhite Scholar, and a Coca-Cola Scholar, as well as membership in Phi Theta Kappa and selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. In addition, Ashley was the winner of both the NFIB Young Entrepreneur and the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Awards. Ashley balances academic success with active participation in campus organizations. She is a member of EC Environmental Club, EC Players, Baptist Student Union, Diamond Girls, and the Wesley Foundation. Ashley is also the president of EC Business Club and vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa. She also plays on EC's varsity tennis team. Ashley is an impressive young woman who has been an asset to this college.

Jonathan Jackson

Jonathan is a very humble individual who has maintained a high GPA while being actively involved in campus activities. He gives his best in everything he attempts.

Jonathan Jackson, the son of Rita Jackson of Hickory, is a graduate of Newton County High School. Jonathan is a Dean's List and President's List Scholar and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, he serves as membership co-chair and was selected to the PTK All-Academic Team . Jonathan is a gifted musician who plays in both the Wall O'Sound marching band and EC's Concert Band, and he has been honored with selection to Mississippi Community/Junior Colleges' All-State Band. Jonathan actively participates in other campus organizations, including Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Wesley Foundation, and Warrior Corps. Jonathan is known as a goal-oriented individual who has been a success at East Central and who will continue to be successful in his future endeavors.

Class Favorites

Freshmen

Tiffany Thomas
Emily Thrash
Calli Cumberland
Kyle Killens
Peter Peterson
Austin Crouthers

Sophomores

Cortney Miller
Amber Eaves
Brookes Mayes
Dru Anderson
Trenton Cockrell
McClain Mullins
Tyler McCool
Austin McNair

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Students are selected for this prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Row 1: Candace Long, Tyler McCool, Dollye Packer, Felicia Futch, Pamela Boone, Elaina James, Megan Shoemaker, Amneris Avalos, Julie Gaines, Jana Johnson, and Suzanne Henry. **Row 2:** Trenton Cockrell, Austin McNair, Jonathan Jackson, Nichole Ball, Alex Harris, Ashley Henley, Candy Ezell, Maegan Johnston, Brooke White, Courtney Elkins, and Dru Anderson. **Row 3:** Kenneth Hudson, Keith Brown, Carlos Rice, Joseph Cieglo, McClain Mullins, Ryan Reeves, Kiel Higginbotham, Brookes Mayes, Marty Ann Bergin, and Lara Burt. **Not pictured:** Lucy Burns, Tommy Deason, Katherine Taylor, Rebecca Wilbanks, Traci Wilson, Rachel Chappell, Lucretia Fulton, Travis Page, Katrina Patie, Brittany White, Whitnee White, Beth Alexander, Joshua Sheehan, Robert Westbrook, Kyle Barrett, Christy Ezell, Caitlin Harper, Whitney Knight, Joseph McDonald, Mandy Richardson, Lindsey Stevens, Chelsey Vincent, Richardson Chickaway, Noah Cook, Drew Gillis, Leslie Nash, Jack Anderson, Carli O'Steen, Chris Harrison, Amber Eaves, Kelly Kight, Hannah Miles, India Curry, Jeff Grimsel, Kimberly Hull, Valerie Johnson, Debbie Lawrence, and Jordan Taylor.

student body president

Having a leadership role is nothing new to Dru Anderson. In fact, she has been a leader for much of her life. At Newton County HS, Dru was elected both Student Council president and senior class president, and in her freshman year at EC, she was named vice president of her class. Dru enjoys her new leadership role working with the other SBA members to organize events for students. She says, "We work hard to plan activities for students that are different and enjoyable. We want to make EC a college where students can learn and have fun!"

sba officers

Dru Anderson
President

Maegan Johnston
Vice President

Julie Gaines
Secretary

Brookes Mayes
Treasurer

sophomore officers

Austin McNair
President

Jordan Taylor
Vice President

Kelly Kight
Secretary

Amber Eaves
Treasurer

freshman officers

Emily Thrash
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Calli Cumberland
Vice President

Candi Vance
Secretary

Adrienne Bird
Treasurer

Maid of Honor

Anna Rouse

Escort: Rick Parks

Sophomore Maid

Patience Haynes

Escort: Chauncey Hudson

Homecoming Queen ~ Dru Anderson

Escort: Ryan Reeves

Sophomore Maid

Jordon Patterson

Escort: Jordan Gilmer

Sophomore Maid

Shonda Marshall

Escort: Rico Jones

Freshman Maid

Joy Hayes

Escort: Hunter Hayes

Homecoming Court 2007

Freshman Maid

Briana Edison

Escort: Darron Maxtion

Freshman Maid

Krystal Knight

Escort: Mark Wilson

Freshman Maid

Kendra Sanders

Escort: Chris Kelly

Headwae Honorees

Peggy Clayton Debbie Lawrence

Chemistry instructor Peggy Clayton and sophomore pre-nursing major Debbie Lawrence have been named East Central's HEADWAE Instructor and Student of the Year for 2007-08. This award was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

Clayton began her employment at ECCC in August 2004 after serving the previous twenty years as a science teacher on the high school level, most recently at Southeast Lauderdale High School in Meridian. She received numerous honors during her high school teaching career, including her induction into the Mississippi Economic Council STAR Teacher Hall of Fame, awarded to recipients of STAR Teacher honors for the tenth year; Mississippi Science Olympiad Outstanding Coach; Mississippi Association of Physicists Outstanding Teacher; and American Chemical Society Outstanding Teacher for Mississippi.

Lawrence, a 46-year-old nontraditional student, is a President's List Scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for students interested in medical careers. She has also been named to *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges.*

Coach of the Year

Neal Holliman

Head baseball coach Neal Holliman was named MACJC Baseball Coach of the Year for 2007. Holliman, in his first year as head coach, led the Diamond Warriors to the MACJC State Championship and a 31-23 record. Prior to taking over the ECCC program, Holliman served six successful years as an assistant coach at the University of West Alabama. He is also a former assistant to late ECCC head coach Jamie Clark and helped lead the Warriors to the 1998 state title and three appearances in the Region 23 Tournament.

Lamplighters

These outstanding teachers represented East Central at the 2007 Lamplighter Conference, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors:
Peggy Clayton, chemistry; John Everett, electrical technology; Debbie Boyd, English; Wendy Moore, associate degree nursing, and Sue Ford, mathematics.

Instructors of the Year

Tanya Boler

Christy Ferguson

Ovid Vickers

Academic Instructor of the Year for 2007 is Tanya Boler. She has taught for seventeen years, six of those at East Central. Boler has been recognized before for her excellence as a teacher: she was selected as Star Teacher and Good Apple Teacher of the Year at Union High School and represented East Central as a Lamplighter. She also is listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. A teacher with high academic standards, Boler believes that excellent teaching combines those high standards with enthusiasm, knowledge, and consistency. She says, "I especially enjoy imparting my love for good writing to my students. I want them to be good writers and good readers, but most of all I enjoy helping them to become good thinkers."

Christy Ferguson is East Central's Career-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2007. Christy is a graduate of Mississippi State University, receiving a bachelor of science in office systems and technology and a master of science in business technology. Ferguson has taught at EC for over eight years and has been honored with several awards, including the Horizon Award and the Paragon Award. She was also chosen to be a Lamplighter and is listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Ferguson is part of the Phi Beta Lambda Advisory Committee and was previously a part of the Phi Theta Kappa Advisory Commitee. She states, "I love seeing my students reach their educational goals. I also enjoy seeing them succeed in the work place."

Ovid Vickers has been honored as Humanities Instructor of the Year for 2007. For more than forty years, Vickers served as a member of the English faculty. He retired in 1995 but continues to write, speak, and adjunct teach for East Central. A folklorist, essayist, newspaper columnist, and poet, his articles have appeared in numerous publications. Vickers also writes a weekly column for a number of Mississippi newspapers and has been honored on three occasions by the Mississippi Press Association for the Best Column in a Weekly Newspaper. His poetry is included in two volumes published by the University Press of Mississippi. Upon his retirement, East Central named the college's fine arts complex the Ovid Vickers Fine Arts Center.

India Dickerson

People

The fact is . . .

People of East Central are made up of . . .

-hard working and dedicated students
-highly qualified course instructors
-committed behind-the-scenes administrative staff
-devoted office and maintenance crews

People at East Central . . .

-provide for a culturally diverse student body
-come fresh out of high school - both local and not so local
-return to school after years in the real world raising families and working
-keep the campus buzzing with excitement

The fact is . . .

People make East Central an exciting and fulfilling school to attend and set it above all the rest!

Kyle Barrett

board of trustees

The East Central Community College Board of Trustees is the legislative body that keeps life at East Centr moving smoothly. The Board consists of members from the five county area this college primarily serves, a those members truly care about the direction that East Central takes from day to day.

Let's be honest though - how many students know the facts about the Board's duties and influence on everyday li as a Warrior? The truth is that students may never know and fully understand exactly what the Board does, but th can be assured that the Board and its decisions positively affect every individual on campus.

Regarding the Board's responsibilities, member Beverly Hart of Union states, "We make sure that we carry out t necessary policies and procedures that best benefit the college - including the staff, the students, and the counties th we serve." "Best benefit" - that is the key phrase. The Board's goal is to move EC in a positive direction, implementir plans and policies that benefit everyone.

The Board of Trustees works in conjunction with the college president to make great things happen at East Central - and they show no signs of slowing up soon!

~Shawn Cooper

Helping to dedicate the new Bailey Stadium, Dr. Lavinia Sparkman and Board president Prentiss Copeland hold the ribbon for benefactors Bill and Louise Bailey.

Row 1: Beverly Hart, Union, Lois Cooper, Decatur; Dr. Jimmy Hallingsworth, Lake; Randal Livingston, Louisville; William Kitchings and Melanie Hartley, Leake County Supt. of Education, both of Carthage; Patsy Clark, Louisville; and Annie Stawers, Forest. **Row 2**: Rebecca Farris, Morton; Harry Kemp of Louisville, Supt., Louisville Municipal School District, Frank McCurdy of Morton, Scott County Supt. o Education, Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia, Royce Shaw (Board secretary), Forest; Edsel Cliburn, Union; Prentice Capeland (Board chairman) Philadelphia, Jerry Nance, Louisville; and Vernon Crotwell, Morton. **Row 3**: V. C. Manning, Philadelphia; Leo Parker, Noxapater; David Byars, Philadelphia, Alan Rhea, Carthage; Ken Pouncey, Decatur; Pat Cleveland, Conehatta; Jerry Smith, Philadelphia; Jack Winstead (Board vice chairman), Lawrence; and W. B. Janes, Walnut Grove. **Not pictured**: Janie Wilbanks and Dr. Kimsey O'Neal Cooper both of Carthage, Bill Thames, Newtan; and Delane Hudson, Louisville.

FACT:

East Central was the first community college to have a PhD as president
- Dr. L. O. Todd

Dr. Phil Sutphin

With over seven years of experience as president of East Central Community College, Dr. Phil Sutphin continues to lead EC to a bright and innovative future.

Whether constructing policies for the improvement of the college or showing his Warrior pride at pep-rallies, Dr. Sutphin truly enjoys what he does. In his own words, he "basically grew up on a junior college campus," and that influence helped shape his goal of becoming involved in community college administration. In fact, Dr. Sutphin holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a doctorate degree - all relating to community college teaching and higher education administration.

Previously serving as East Central's Dean of Instruction and Dean of Students, Dr. Sutphin has always worked his hardest for the students of EC. Each improvement he oversees - from the renovation of campus facilities to technological advancements - is made to ensure that students receive a quality education and have a high quality of life on campus.

When asked about the *Wo-He-Lo's* theme of facts and how that theme can relate to his work, Dr. Sutphin put it well: "*Data* leads to *Facts* that become *Information*. However, we must be attentive to the interpretation of the data to be sure that the information presented is a true reflection of the facts. The role of education is helping students analyze information so that the true facts are known and good decisions can be made to enhance the quality of life."

With a goal of helping students reach their full potential in life, Dr. Sutphin truly understands the value of a great education, and he works to ensure that every individual that attends East Central receives just that.

~ Shaun Cooper

administrative council

During any given moment at East Central, one can find students learning from highly qualified instructors conversing in the Mall with friends, spending time in the library, eating lunch in the cafeteria, or just lounging around in the Activity Center. The list of options available to students is virtually endless. To the many students wh take advantage of these amenities each day, life would be very much disrupted if any one were removed from their dail routine.

To ensure that such disruptions do not occur, East Central has a dedicated Administrative Council that work around the clock to keep campus life going smoothly from day to day. The Administrative Council consists of th president, vice presidents, additional administrators, and division chairs that work together to ensure East Centra provides all the necessary tools needed to help students succeed in their goals.

Life at East Central would not be the same if it were not for the hard work put forth by members of th Administrative Council. Often working behind the scenes, the Administrative Council is the central force that keeps East Central moving forward to a bright and successful future!

~ Shaun Cooper

Roger Whitlock gives Governor Haley Barbour a tour of the Integrated Technology Training Center in Choctaw, MS, a new facet of EC's Workforce Development program.

At the Welcome Back Week picnic, Joe Killens serves as emcee, while Mickey Vance and his band entertain students as they eat. Adminstrators were highly visible at EC this year, especially at campus events.

FACT:

From an original faculty of just two, the number of administrators, faculty, and professional staff employed by the college has increased to 128.

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President
for Instruction

Joe Killens
Vice President for
Student Services

Mickey Vance
Vice President for
Business Operations

Bubby Johnston
Vice President for
Public Information

David Blackledge
Director of
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David Case
Director for Technology
Management

Gene Davis
Dean of Adult and
Continuing Education

Wayne Eason
Dean of Career-Technical
Instruction

Donna Luke
Director of Admissions,
Records, and Research

Betsy Mann
Dean of Associate
Degree Nursing

Terry Underwood
Athletci Director /
Head Football Coach

Roger Whitlock
Director of Workforce
Development

faculty

There is a vast amount of information available in the world today, and with the growing utilization of the Internet, it can be difficult to separate the useful from the useless. To combat this problem, the search engine was developed in order to aid the masses in sorting through the host of information presented. Much like a search engine, the instructors of East Central Community College filter through the mass of information available and present to students facts that are pertinent and accurate - facts that enhance the student's understanding of a subject.

Instructors at East Central Community College are some of the best around because they perform many roles. Instructors can be found helping students find answers to their class-related questions, in their offices hard at work or preparing interesting and thought provoking lessons, or often acting as counselors to anyone who just needs someone to talk to.

However, just like the Internet, there are factors that attempt to hinder the exchange of information between students and their instructors. Much like the pop-up blockers developed to prevent harmful distractions while using the internet, East Central's librarians, accountants, maintenance staff, and cafeteria workers help make sure the educational process runs without interference. Were it not for these respected individuals, the learning process at East Central could not run as smoothly as it does now.

Together, the instructors and various staff members at East Central make sure that pertinent information is relayed to the students in the quickest and most efficient manner possible. Without them, there would be no one to ensure the well-being of the many students who pass through East Central in their pursuit of knowledge.

~ Shaun Cooper

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Jim Blackburn, Electronic Tech. Instructor
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Maurice Bawie, Men's Basketball Coach
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Regena Baykin, Assistant Director for Technology Management
Teresa Baykin, ADN Instructor

Jared Brawnlee, Assistant Director of Bands
Brenda Carsan, Financial Aid Director
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Kelly Cluff, Computer Network Support Tech. Instructor
Sherry Craft, Business Office Clerk

staff

Clockwise from Left. Joe Johnson shows his students what to expect when they dissect a starfish. Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility Chaplain Justin Chaney accepts items collected by faculty secretary Kathy Sanders, who spearheaded a drive to provide Christmas gifts for inmates. Natalie Emmons is poised and ready to accompany EC's concert choir.

FACT:
Natalie Emmons performed at Governor Haley Barbour's 2008 Inauguration.

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Patti Davis, Biology Instructor
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Ann Durham, English Instructor
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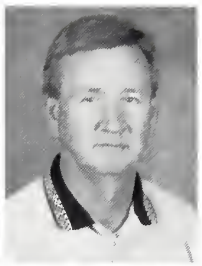

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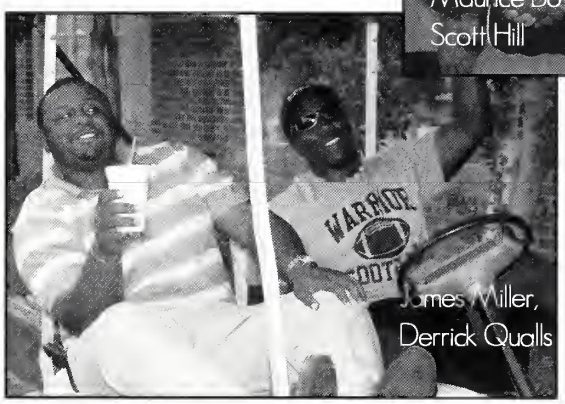

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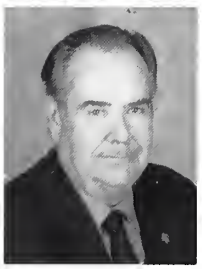

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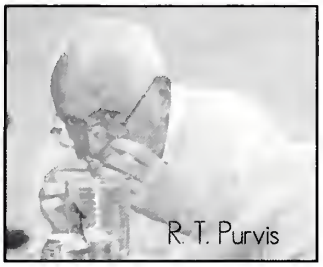

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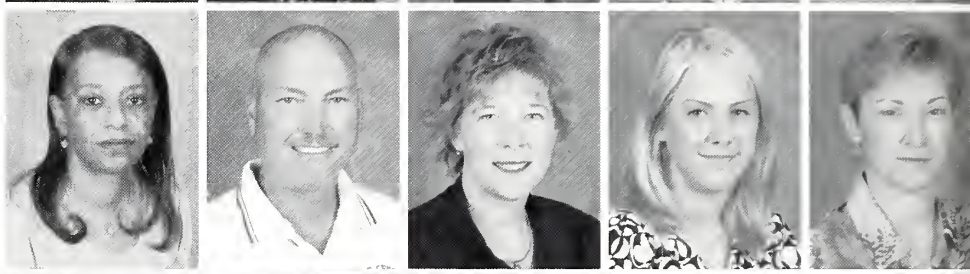

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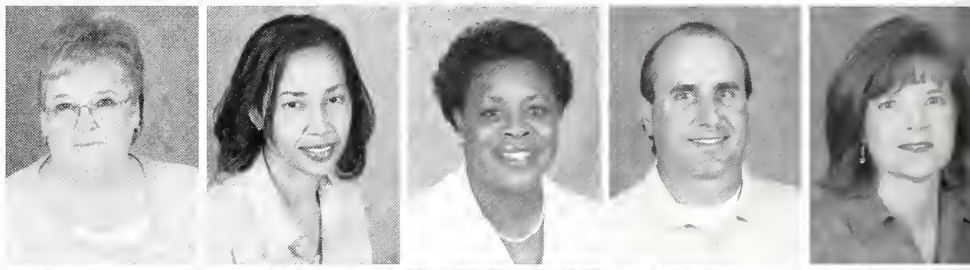

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Ronald Westbrook, Small Business Development Center Director
Lucretia Williams, Workforce Investment
William Wilson, Heating and Air Conditioning Tech. Instructor
Gail Wood, Assistant Librarian
Mary Ann Wright, Child Dev. Tech. Instructor

Sylvia Wright, Mathematics Instructor
Karen Robertsan Yates, Secretary to the Vice President for Public Information

The talented . . .

Vicki Blaylock has performed on stoge since she was six-yeors old. At the age of 14, she song with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra olong with Mary Ann Mobley and Gary Collins for the annual Morch of Dimes Telethon.

Len Bobo is an accomplished pionist ond organist. He accomponied the Arkonsos Chamber Singers for seventeen yeors, including their performonce ot Bill Clinton's 1992 Inaugurol Dinner in Woshington, D.C.

- Though she's not port of EC's music department, surgical technology instructor Kristi Pilgrim has been singing since she wos three, when she performed "I Sholl Not Be Moved" in church. Since then, she has performed at olmost any occosion thot calls for musical talent.

- Sue Ford is o tolented moth teocher, but she olso has o unique gift – creoting heirloom gorments. Ford mokes dresses and christening gowns, mostly for her three gronddoughters. Maudeen Sonders ond Wondo Brockeen shore Ford's tolent.

The adventurous . . .

Enjoying the outdoors is whot Bruce Guraedy is all about. He has been trout fishing in Colorado and Montana and four-wheeling in the Rocky Mountains. On a hunting trip in Tennessee, he was attacked by a wild Russian boar when his gun misfired. Guraedy escaped injury and wos able to kill the boor.

Phillip Crenshaw has completed three marathons, o noteworthy accomplishment by any stondords. He improved his time with each roce, breoking the four hour mark in his last morathon.

- It may be crazy to some, but Lynn Selman took the plunge and bungee jumped ot the beoch. Jeff Schuurman went even higher, skydiving from 10,500 ft. with o free foll of 5,000 ft.

- Curt Skipper loves drag racing and races when he can. He also loves the greot outdoors,especially enjoys hiking in the Smokies, which he soys is "as close to heaven os you can get on earth."

- Melindo Smith prefers odventure of onother kind. She is on ovid player of the online role-ploying game Guild Wars. Smith soys, "I love the game so much thot I allow myself to play it only on weekends—otherwise I'd never get onything else done!" Another interesting fact: Smith has read The Lord of the Rings at least once each year since 1971.

EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY AND STAFF

The widely-travelled . . .

Kyle Jomes is o veteron of Operotion Iraqi Freedom III. Stationed in FOB Dogwood, Iraq, SSG James served with Co. A 150th Engineer Batallion 155th SAB Mississippi Army National Guard. James soys, "Serving my country in Iroq is something I om very proud of."

Ruth Gregory ond her husbond visited thirteen countries when they were stationed overseas. A memoroble moment was riding a camel at the Egyption pyramids for free. The cotch: Her husband hod to poy $20 to get her off the comel!

- Tom Corson wos born in Brazil, groduoted from high school in Noples, Itoly, almost got orrested in Russio for toking photos of submorines during the Cold Wor, ond octed in the Greek trogedy *Antigone* at the actuol ruins in Pompeii when he was 17. And interestingly enough, EC's director of bonds wos never in a high school band.

- Poige Cose soys having a spring breok birthdoy is nice. She's celebroted her birthday in five countries, including Englond, Chino, ond Taiwan, as well os in seven US states.

The incredibly unique . . .

Joe Johnson has eaten a new-born hippopotamus roost sandwich. The baby hippo wos still-born ot the Jockson Zoo due to strongulotion during birth. Johnson's professor ot USM took it for the skull, ond o graduate student cooked the flesh. Johnson says, "It was one over the best meals of my life – very tender!"

Having children on just ony doy wouldn't do for Sylvio Wright. Her children were born on holidoys - son Motthew on Christmos doy and doughter Mallory on Thanksgiving day. Even her two step-daughters hove holiday birthdays – Melissa was born on Holloween and Morgan on Thonksgiving doy.

- Having children in three different decades and two different centuries is a rare feat, but it's one thot Sherri Cliburn hos accomplished. Erin ond Logon were born in the 1980's, Coroline came olong in the 90's, ond Byors ond Molly Cotherine joined the fomily in 2000 ond 2005. Cliburn's thoughts: "Having five children hos been quite the adventure!"

- Jared Brownlee's music coreer olmost ended abruptly two weeks into 6th grode bond, oll becouse he spit woter on the woll of the bond holl. The heod bond director thought he was being o hoodlum, but he octuolly spit the woter out because it tosted so bod. Fortunotely, the assistont director soved him from suspension - and soved his music coreer as well.

freshmen

Next to high school graduation, beginning our freshman year of college was one of the most highly anticipate moments in our lives. It was a sign that we have moved on from the world of synchronized tests, dress codes, an Saturday schools that we all complained so much about to a world that is laid open to our wants and desires. What bette place to begin this next phase in our lives than East Central Community College?

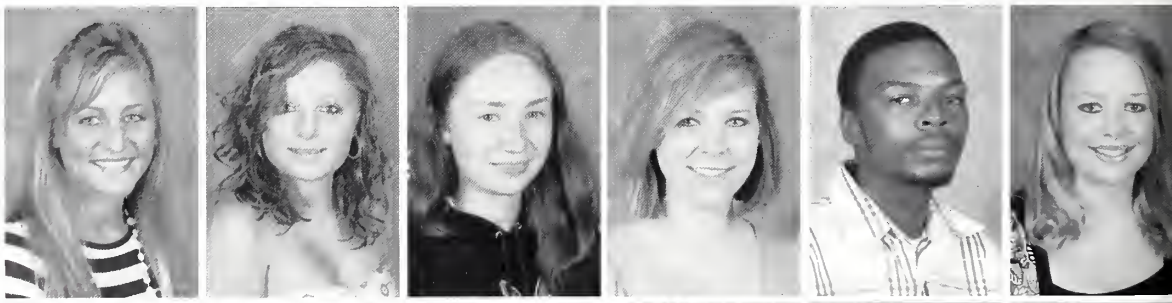
Standing in line at orientation, many of us were teeming with excitement as we realized that we had finally gotte to that point in our lives we had been preparing to begin for thirteen years. As the first day of classes came upon us, w were struck with a wave of nervousness because we did not know what to expect in a world in which we were fully responsible for our own decisions. However, when classes began, we were welcomed warmly by both staff an returning students and our fears melted away.

In addition, the high energy festivities of Welcome Back Week introduced us to the excitement of college life an acquainted us with the rest of our East Central family. Time flew by and we adjusted to our newfound freedom, th increased class loads, and much greater responsibilities, and activities such as Beauty Pageants, dances, concerts, and clu trips helped rescue us from the demands of our academic life. We stayed focused and worked hard to achieve our goals an were rewarded.

As the year drew to a close and as many of us were still searching for that perfect balance of work and play, we were thankful that East Central was always there for us. The exceptional staff and student body made East Central our right choice to begin the next phase in our lives.

~ Shaun Cooper

Composition classes are a must for every freshman. Sam Lewis, Candi Vance, and Joy Hayes dutifully work on rough drafts of their persuasive essays.



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Laura Bain
Candace Barton
Adrienne Bird
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Justin Boone
Tawanda Boone

Zach Boswell
Tremayne Bowie
Megan Boykin
Joni Bozeman
Eric Brown
Jessica Brown

Brandon Burkes
Bridget Burkes
Freddrick Burks
Chelsie Burns
Will Butts
Ryan Cannon

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Colin Carvey

Kristen Chamblee
Justin Childs
Samantha Clark
Amber Collins
Shaun Cooper
Joshua Copes

Kenyaun Corbin
Jim Craig
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Kasey Cruteher

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Calli Cumberland
Alana Curry
Brittany Cushman

Matthew Dempsey
Ashley Devine
Josh Dickerson
Brooke Dove
Erica Dowell
Robert Downing

Antanetta Dubose
Ashlyn Dunn
Autumn Durant
Kristina Ealy
Jasmine Earby
Shana Easley

Briana Edison
Keia Eichelberger
Andre' Ellis
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Manuel Esqueda
Sonja Evans

Veronica Evans
Anna Laurie Ezelle
Sean Farmer
James Farmer
Jonathan Federick
Randall Ficklin

Cory Fitzgerald
Shardae Foley
Desmond Forthner
Ashley Fortune
Patrick Gaddis
Shakira Gaddis

Venessa Gantt
Aaron Gaylord
Kevin Gordon
Sara Goss
DeAndra Graham
Jonathan Gray

"I check my Facebook, do my homework, and sleep."
-Austin Crouthers

What do you do in your spare time?

"I watch movies, play 'Guitar Hero,' and hang out at the 'yellow house.'"
-Olivia Scott

"I play some spades, and I 'chill' with my 'homeboys' and 'homegirls.'"
-David Bender

"On a normal day, I jam out to 'Rockband.'"
-Andrew Floyd

WARRIORTAINMENT TODAY

Top Ten Reality TV Shows of 2007

1. America's Next Top Model
2. Dancing With the Stars
3. American Idol
4. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
5. Big Brother
6. MythBusters
7. Survivor
8. Paradise Hotel
9. The Hills
10. Project Runway

Top Ten Top-Selling Video Games of 2007

1. Halo 3
2. Wii Play with Remote
3. Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare
4. Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock
5. Super Mario Galaxy
6. Pokemon Diamond
7. Madden NFL '08
8. Guitar Hero 2
9. Assassin's Creed
10. Mario Party 8

Top Ten Best-Selling Magazines of 2007

1. People
2. Sports Illustrated
3. Time
4. Business Week
5. American Girl
6. Better Homes and Gardens
7. Tv Guide
8. Martha Stewart Living
9. Highlights for Children
10. Maxim

FACT: The Nintendo Wii was the top selling game system of Christmas 2007.

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Kristi Hardin
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Andrew Harrison
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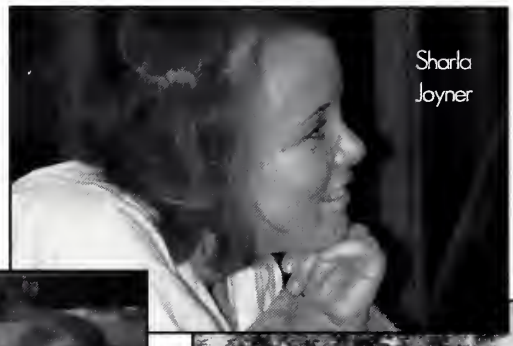

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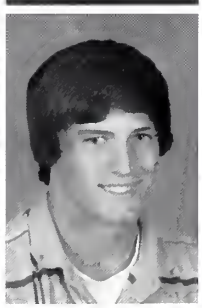

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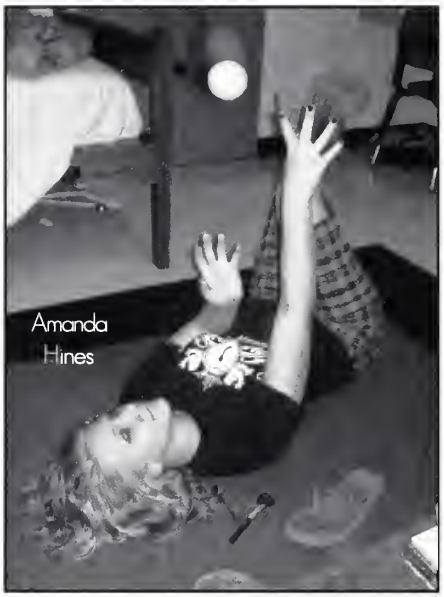

Amanda Hines

Jessica Leach
Josh Ledford
Michaela Lee
Josh Lewis
Matthew Lewis
Sam Lewis

Steven Lewis
Matt Livingston
Roderick Lofton
Eric Long
Ancarisa Macon
Emily Malone

What is HOT at EC!

-Our girls wear "Apple-Bottom Jeans" while showing off their snow boots with the fur.

-On rainy days, the girls wear their bright colored rain boots with their North Face jacket to keep them dry!

-The boys while wearing their baggy jeans show off their new "Bathin Apes."

-On special occasions, our boys wear their polo shirts with an under shirt that matches the company's logo, precisely.

-When we feel a little "punk," we throw on our "Rocker T's" and our converses!

-Everywhere we go, we never forget our "Stunna Shades."

-Everywhere you look girls and guys alike have their "Sperrys" on all over campus.

-When our girls feel a little "preppy," they put on their long shirt, with tights, finished off with their gold jewelry.

FACT: On an average day, student's are dressed in T-shirts and jeans for class. At EC, you can wear what you want and still be accepted.

Fashion EC Style

What is your normal class attire?

"I wear my apple-bottom jeans and boots with the fur!"
-Jennifer Wyatt

"A T-shirt and Jeans is always the way I go to class!"
-Emilee Lanier

"What I am wearing now- Jeans, shirt with a collar, and my shoes."
-Tyrune Paty

"I'm usually in a T-shirt and jeans. I like being comfy!"
-Samantha Wright

Pamela Mangrum
Aaron Mann
Tanner Martin
Jacob Massey
Kristen May
Alisha McAfee

Chiquitta McClendon
Steven McClendon
Edna McDonald
Sharnicce McDonald
Alan McIntyre
Tuesday McKelvain

Tatanisha Milsap
Robert Mingo
Samuel Mingo
Tracey Moncrief
Tray Moncrief
Ryan Monk

Travis Moore
Jason Morris
Christopher Morrison
Lachelle Moss
Schvondia Moss
Anna Munn

Megan Munn
Schondriea Nash
Matt Naylor
Latoya Needham
Mindy Parker
McKenzie Patrick

Courtney Patrick
Kamisha Patrick
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Caitlin Puckett

David Pugh
Franklin Pugh
James Ratcliff
Dusty Reed
Bradley Reynolds
Brandi Reynolds

Courtney Richardson
Brandi Ricks
Crystal Riddle
Heather Rigby
Kylie Rigdon
Bryon Rizzi

Erin Slay

Kiel Hi[illegible]ham, [illegible] Johnson, Justin Childs

Erica D[illegible]ell, Becky Cullpepper, Britni Harvey, Tiffany Thomas

Aaron Mann, Emilee Lanier

Juley Taylor

Cierra Robinson
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Melissa Rowell
Valarie Ryan
Aerial Sanders
April Sanders

Kendra Sanders
Melysheaco Savior
Vicki Sawyer
George Sciple
Henry Scott
Timothy Seibel

Olivia Shaw
Gloria Simpson
William Sisson
Angela Slack
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Charles Sloan

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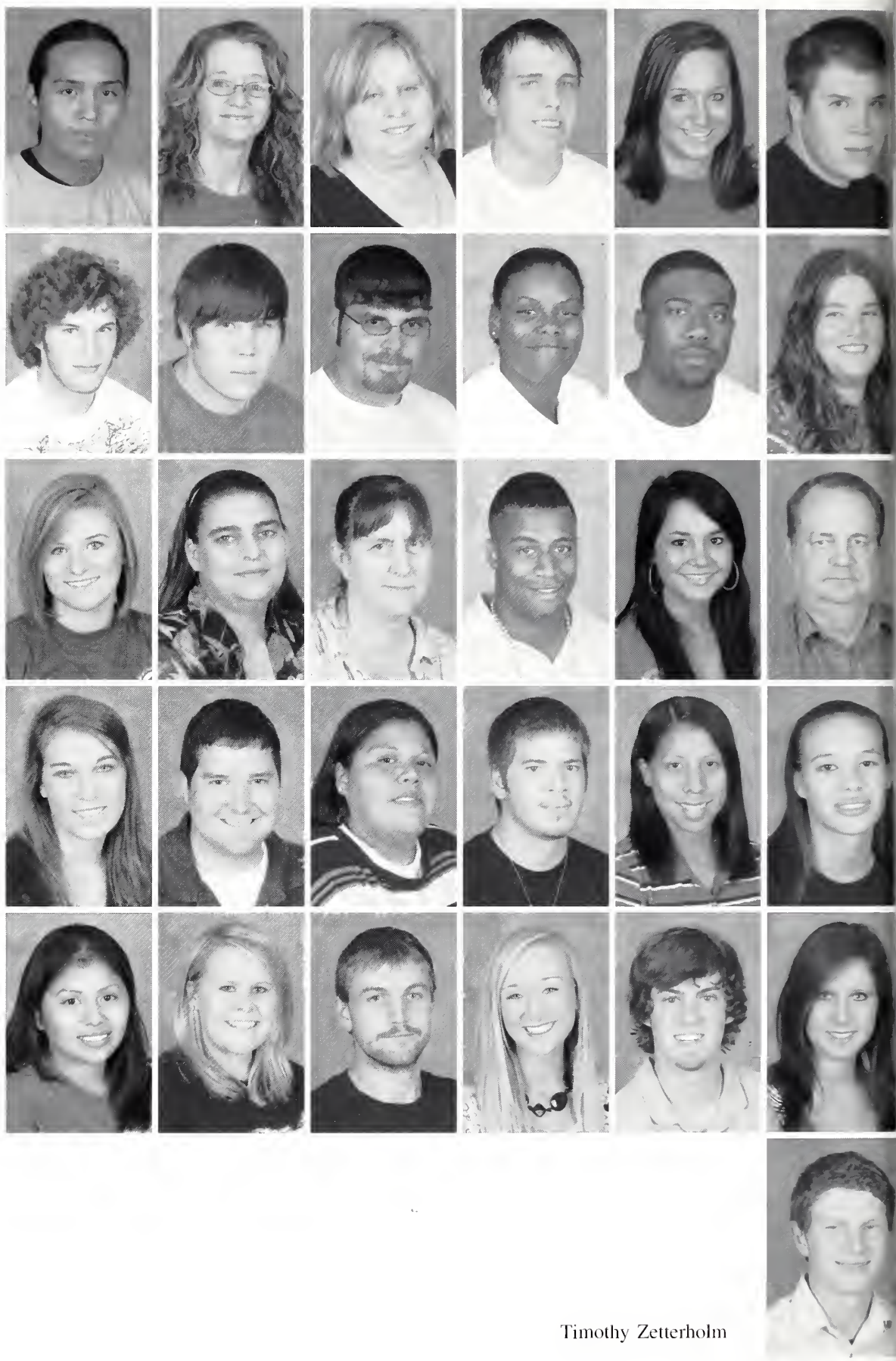

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Tia Weaver
Patricia Webb
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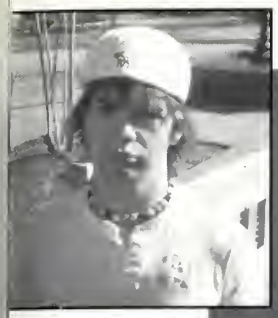


"I spent my money on a snake . . . but I lost him."
-Aaron Mann

How do you spend your money?

"I spend all my money on school!"
-Jelessa McDonald

"I spend all my money on shoes!"
-Caitlin Harper

"I spent all my money on my new cell phone."
-Riley Walton

FUNDAMENTALS OF EC

Eight Random Things Needed for Dorm Survival

1. Ear Plugs
2. Flip Flops or Shower Shoes
3. Plugs, Power Strips, and Adapters
4. Duct Tape
5. Hammer and Screwdriver
6. Door Hangers with Adhesive Backs
7. Stapler
8. Can Opener

FACT: In the U.S., for every dollar a person spends on gasoline, appproximately 27 cents of it goes to pay taxes.

sophomores

Our past two years (more or less for some) at East Central have been great! We have been through the good, the bad, and the ugly, as they say. Through these times, though, we have stuck together as one group known as the "sophomores." From writing research papers to those crazy Thursday nights, our experiences at EC will be memories that will last for a lifetime.

Bumping through campus with the music turned up, eating at the grill with your crew by your side, sitting in the room trying to make the best of your time- any sophomore can tell you about days like these. Although we have worked hard to take care of business, the sophomores' main goal has been to have a good time! We've made the most of every moment in what has been for most of us our last year at East Central. Many of us started as freshman here, and our sophomore year has made us feel a superiority on campus which we may have flaunted.

As the school year ends, we pass on our crowns to this year's freshman! We look toward our future and hope to succeed. As we put on our gowns, get our diplomas, and throw our caps, we will know that there is none as great as EC's Class of 2008!

~ Britni Wright

Sophomores led the Lady Warrior basketball team to success this season - with help from the freshmen, of course! The team was featured as "Team of the Week" by WTOK in Meridian.

With great stage presence, Maegan Johnston performs with Ac'cents.

Sophomore beautites Carmen Ezelle and Dru Anderson encourage each other at the beauty review.

Random Facts...

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II was named an honorary Harlem Globetrotter.

The first cell phone was invented in 1924.

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.

Most people who read the word 'yawning' will yawn!

The US national anthem actually has three verses, but everyone just knows the first one.

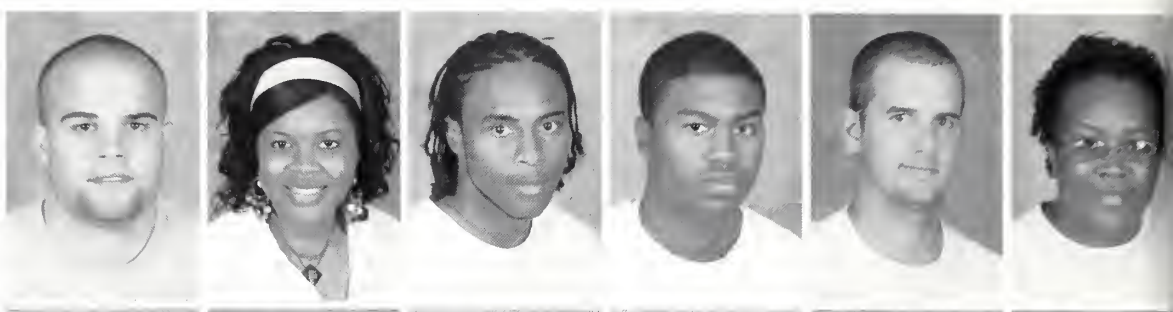
The average American consumes enough caffeine in one year to kill a horse.

The largest pumpkin on record weighed 377 pounds.

Delynn Agee
Jesus Aleman
Beth Alexander
Michael Allen
Dru Anderson
Lauren Ashley

Amneris Avalos
Nichole Ball
Elizabeth Barney
Matt Bates
Carlos Battle
Marty Ann Bergin

Ashley Billie
Brent Blackwell
Brandon Bolton
Pamela Boone
Dianne Boyd
Monica Boyd



Jess Brantley
Yentl Brantley
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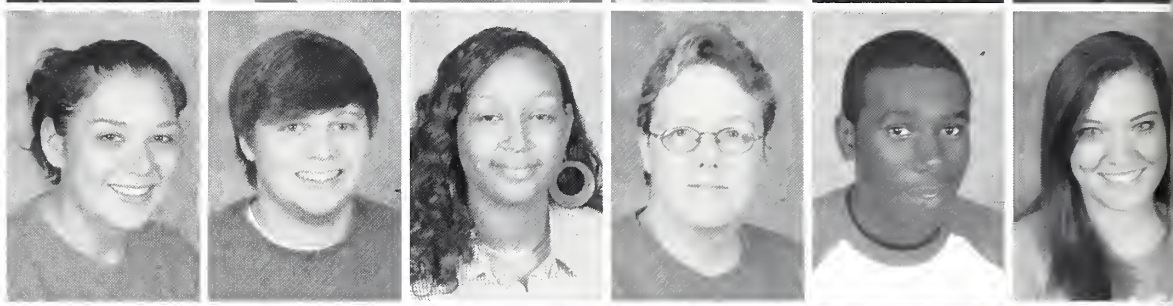
Justin Brown
Keith Brown
Tenesha Brown

Lara Burt
Tiffany Carpenter
Nicole Chambers
Valencia Chambers
Joseph Cieglo
Christopher Clark



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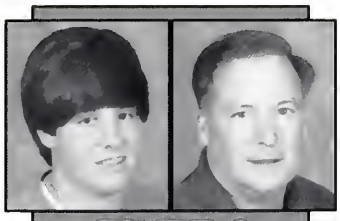
Trenton Cockrell
Lakaisha Coleman
Jill Compton
Coleman Conley
Meagan Cook

Kayla Coward
Leann Crapps
Nellie Crenshaw
Ruby Crew
Shauntavien Currie
Erica Davenport

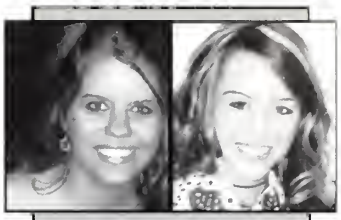
Geraldine Deason
Tommy Deason
Lee Derrick
Cherly Dowell
Andie Easom
Amber Eaves

Courtney Elkins
Dustin Evans
Karen Evans
Philip Evans
Tawayatha Evans
Candy Ezell

Jennifer Sistrunk
Drew Barrymore

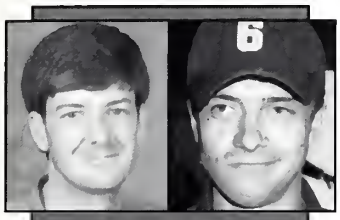


Tyler McCool
Future Pres. McCool



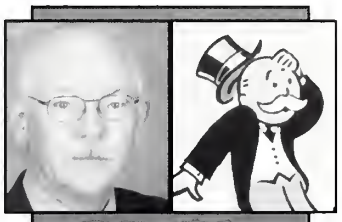
Britni Wright
Miley Cyrus

EC Celeb Look-A-Likes



Mr. Curt Skipper
Topher Grace

Matt Willbanks
Steve-O



Mr. Tony Kinton
The Monopoly Man

FACT: As a child, Jim Carrey wore tap shoes to bed just in case his parents needed cheering up in the middle of the night.

Lights, Camera, Action

Who is your favorite celeb?

"Tyra Banks-She is my idol!"
-Van Williams

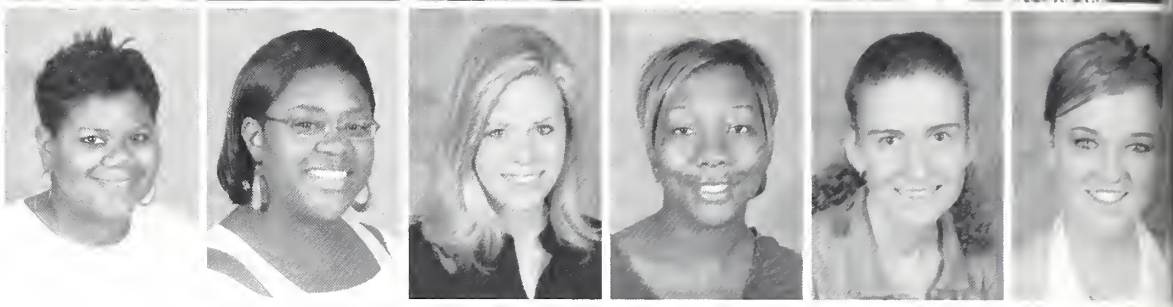
"NBA superstar-Allen Iverson."
-Patience Haynes

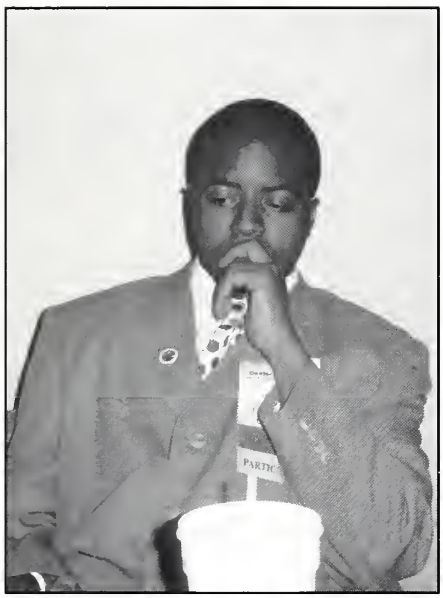
"Lil' Wayne- his style is like no other."
-Quadarius Wallace

"Ryan Reynolds - I like to think of him as my inspiration for my future comedy!"
-Andrew Marshall

Carmen Ezell
Marvin Flucker
Terri Franklin
Katlan French
Ra' Anthoni Frierson
Caleb Frink

Felicia Futch
Queena Gage
Julie Gaines
Dana Gale
Heather Garrison
Brittany Germany





Nolan Gibson
Drew Gillis
Simone Greer
Adam Griffin
Krystle Hardy
Matthew Harmon

Caitlin Harper
Alexandra Harris
Jennifer Harris
Marquis Harris
Zachary Harris
Courtney Harvey

Hunter Hayes
Andrew Haynes
Patience Haynes
Terrell Haynes
Kimberly Hearn
Ashley Henley

April Henry
Sarah Henry
Kiel Higginbothom
Leslie Hollingsworth
Christina Hopkins
Lamario Hopson

Mark Hoskins
Kentoreya Howard
Gina Howell
Tiera Hughes
Ben Ingram
Mark Ishee

Jonathan Jackson
Lectoria Jackson
Elaina James
Lorie Jenkins
Casandra Joe
Aaron Johnson

"I want to teach children, so I am studying to become an elementary teacher."
-Yentl Brantley

What future profession are you seeking?

"I want to use what I have learned at EC to become a nurse!"
-Caleb Frink

"I am furthering my education at EC to become a business administrator."
-Carlos Rice

"I'm a pre-med student studying to become a doctor."
-Connie Savell

When I Grow Up...

Things you may not know about your future job...

During his or her lifetime, the average human will grow 590 miles of hair.

The New York Stock Exchange started in a coffee shop.

Originally, BMW was an airplane engine manufacturer.

Forsensic scientists can determine a person's age, sex, and race by a single strand of hair.

The average salary of a DJ is only around $20,000 a year.

Forty percent of Americans have never visited a dentist.

More than 400,000 U.S. houses still lack indoor plumbing.

Doctors really do carry organs to be transplanted in picnic coolers.

FACT: Many junior college students change their majors several times before they continue to a senior university.

Jana Johnson
Valerie Johnson
Maegan Johnston
Amanda Jones
Heather Jowers
Doug Kelley

Shellie Keyes
Kelly Kight
Andrew Ladd
Kayla Latham
Brett Latimer
Marcus Lee

Valerie Lillis
John Curtis Little
Candace Long
Josh Luckett
Fred Lyons
Andrew Marshall

Shonda Marshall
Brookes Mayes
Brooklyn Mayo
Tyler McCool
Joseph McDonald
Brewer McGee

Monika McMahan
Austin McNair
Melody McNall
Tharin McNichols
Kimberly Miles
Cortney Miller

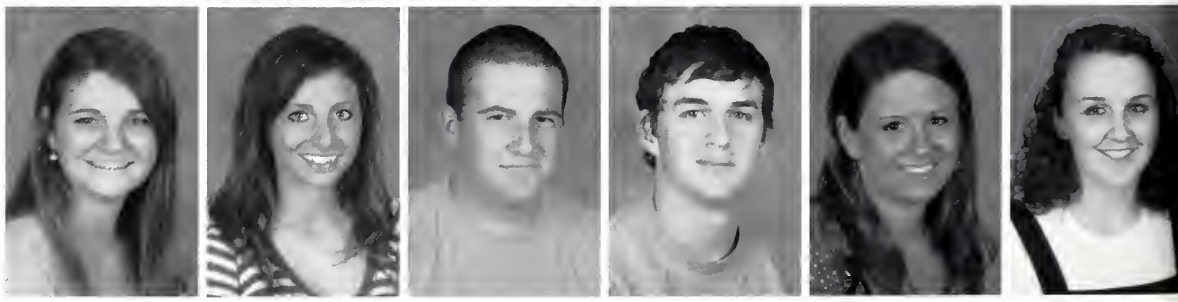
Katie Mills
Travis Moore
McClain Mullins
Leslie Nash
Brittany Nazary
Kendrick Nichols

Carli O'Steen
Jacqueline Pace
Dollye Packer
Connie Parker
Rick Parks
Laura Pearson

Micheal Pientowski
Derrick Qualls
Heather Ray
Ryan Reeves
Hillary Rieger
Kenyana Rivers

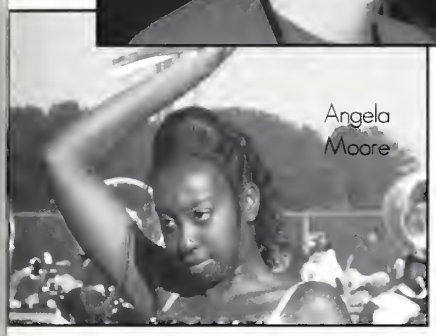
Jessica Roberts
Michael Robertson
Rebecca Rogers
Anna Rouse
Justin Rushing
Anthony Sanders

Kimberly Sanders
Kimbo Seale
Cody Shaw
Josh Sheehan
Crystal Shoemaker
Jennifer Sistrunk



Lauren Smith
Sherri Smith
Terry Smith
Kyle Squires
Gwendolyn Steele
Quentin Stephens

Tara Steve
Lindsey Stevens
Courtney Stingley
Alicia Stokes
Tyson Stribling
Jordan Taylor



Katherine Taylor
Abby Thomas
Elizabeth Thorne
Skye Tindall
Marcus Travis
Constance Triplett

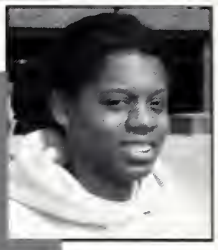
Octavius Truman
Howard Tucker
Phillip Vines
Adam Wade
Tyler Walters
Marcus Warnsley

"We will miss each other!"
-Ryan Reeves and Dru Anderson

"I will miss living in Leake Apartments with my best friends."
-Victoria York

What will you miss about EC?

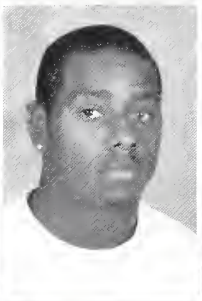
"Most of all, I will miss being so close to home while in school!"
-C. J. Crawford



"I will miss being with my friends I've met at EC over the past two years."
-Tenesha Brown

Erin Warren
Brittany Wash
Latrice Waters
Amanda Weathers
Robert Westbrook
Brittany White

Brooke White
Kenneth Whitfield
Dequita Williams
Shunta Williams
Missy Williamson
Clarissa Wilson



Mark Wilson
Roxanne Wilson
Britni Wright
Jennifer Wyatt
Kandace Yarbrough
Kristi Yarbrough

As We Go On...

Victoria York

"It is not failure when you do not succeed; it is failure when you give up."-Christopher Clark

"Know that if you live in the dorms, your roommates will become your best friends."-Leslie Nash

"Never give up and stay determined; while doing these things, anything is possible."-Mark Mays

"Hope that you do not get the possessed toilet in Leake Apartments!"-Britni Wright

"Beware of the fun-times at the yellow house... You know who you are!"-Jennifer Sistrunk

"Quoting Mickey Rooney, 'You always pass failure on the way to success.'"-Liz Thorne

"Watch our for those Thursday nights!"-Daniel Parker

"Don't just go to school-get an education!"-Tyler Walters

The Wisdom We Leave To Our Under-Classmen...

"Life is a car, and you are the driver- only you determine your destiny."-Terry Smith

"If you prank call people, just know, there is a such thing as karma!"-Ruby Crew

"Make sure you study hard, but make sure you play harder."-Adam Brown

"Life is fast! So, slow down and take it easy." -Taylor Weldy

"Take risks and do not be afraid to fall on your butt... Just hope you got enough cushion back there to catch you!" -Carlena Clemmons

"Love conquers all things!" -John Tatum

"There are too many sad things in this world. Don't walk away from the happy ones. Take advantage of ever opportunity at EC!" -Delynn Agee

"If you work hard, the hard work will pay off in the end!" -Kyle McDill

Roger Thomas, Pat Walton,
Chester Whittle

Programs

The fact is . . .

Programs at EC require . . .

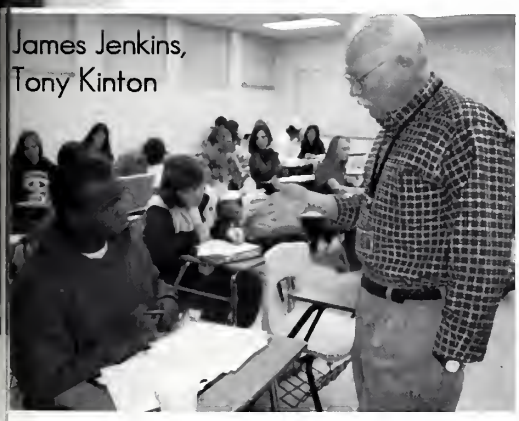
- students who are enthusiastic about their education
- hard working and trained instructors
- a wide variety of course offerings for each program
- flexible class schedules to fit any need

Programs at EC include . . .

- an amazing Liberal Arts curriculum that exposes students to a wide range of topics
- specialized goal plans for all students with declared majors
- hands-on experience provided by vocational courses
- a rapidly growing and successful healthcare division

The fact is . . .

Programs at EC provide students with the skills necessary to become successful members of society while achieving their goals.



James Jenkins,
Tony Kinton

FACT:

Mrs. Lucille Wood has taught longer than any person in the history of Mississippi community colleges.

Hoping that the egg inside won't break, Jana Johnson, Maegan Johnston, Brooke White, and Noah Cook drop it to the ground below in an experiment in Mr. Billy Miles's physics class. To their amazement, the egg remained intact.

Not wanting to miss anything important, students pay close atttention to Mr. Curt Skipper as he teaches the morning's biology lesson.

During her private piano lesson, Amber Wall plays while Mr. Len Bobo keeps time.

J.T. Thompson enjoys listening to music while drawing in Mr. Gurady's class. When asked how he enjoyed art at EC, J.T. replied, "It's awesome!"

Finding the Right Path

"I love for my students to see properties of physics at work"
~ Billy Miles

"I can't think right now - I have physics in my head"
~ Noah Cook

"I like all of the academic opportunities and advntages that EC has to offer"
~ Lamar Truman

Growing up and going to school, we have all been told to work our hardest so that we will be able to obtain successful paying jobs in the future. In our generation, a person's success is substantially measured by his or her financial position. However, financial success does not always ensure life-long happiness. Here at East Central, the focus is not only placed on the financial success of a career, but the happiness that the chosen career brings the individual.

East Central has tailored its curriculum so that individuals are able to pursue fields that they find both interesting and rewarding to them. From degrees in Education to degrees in Agriculture, East Central offers a wide range of academic majors to satisfy anyone. The specialized degree plans prepare an individual for a rigorous academic challenge at any four-year university and are helmed as some of the best in practice.

For those who are not sure of what they want out of life, East Central offers inclusive Liberal Arts major courses that explore a wide range if interests from the social sciences to criminal justice. The Liberal Arts major helps students determine their interests and prepares them academically for any major available.

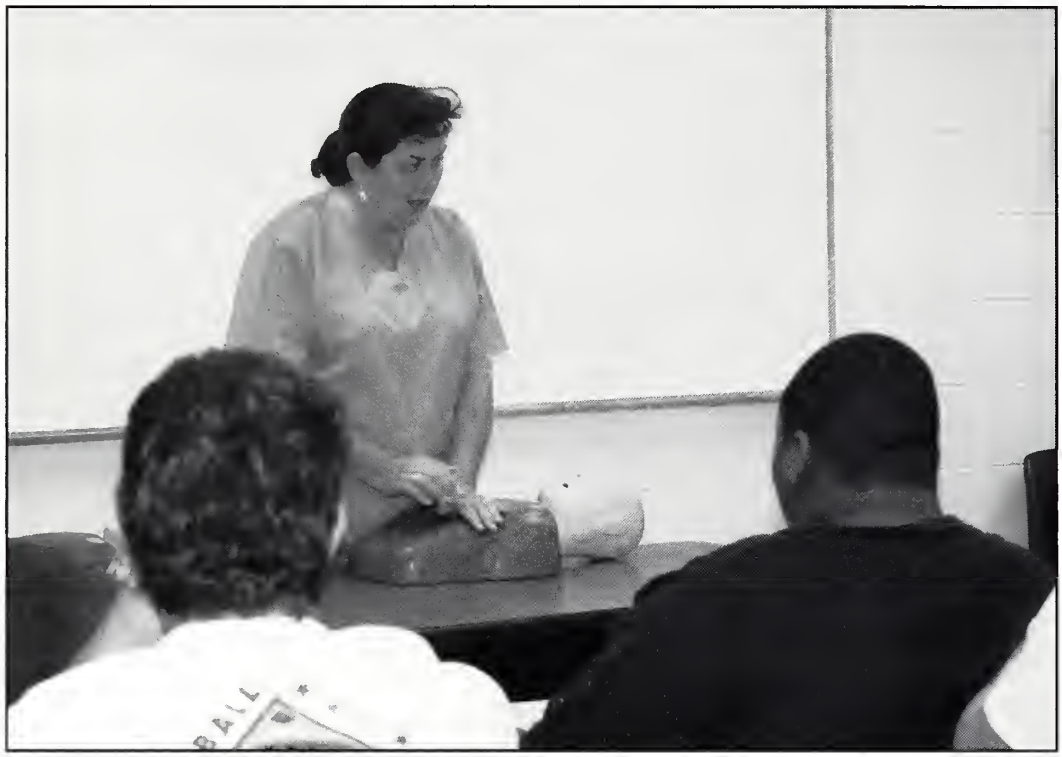
East Central has a long tradition of encouraging students to do what they feel is best for their life - not just what makes the most money. For this reason, East Central's academic program is one of the strongest available because the minds behind it truly had students' best interests at heart.

~ Shaun Cooper

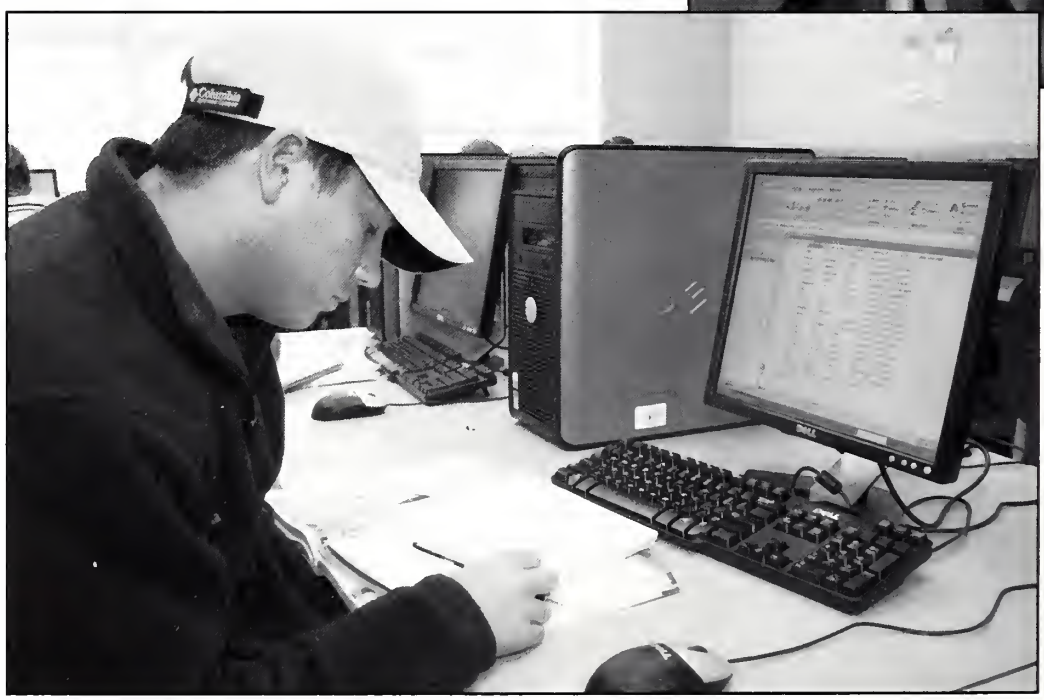
While teaching his World Civilization class about the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror, Dr. Phillip Crenshaw threatens to cut off Whitney Lott 's head.

Capturing palm trees at the beach on canvas, Brittany Herrington concentrates to make sure she gets her painting just like she wants it.

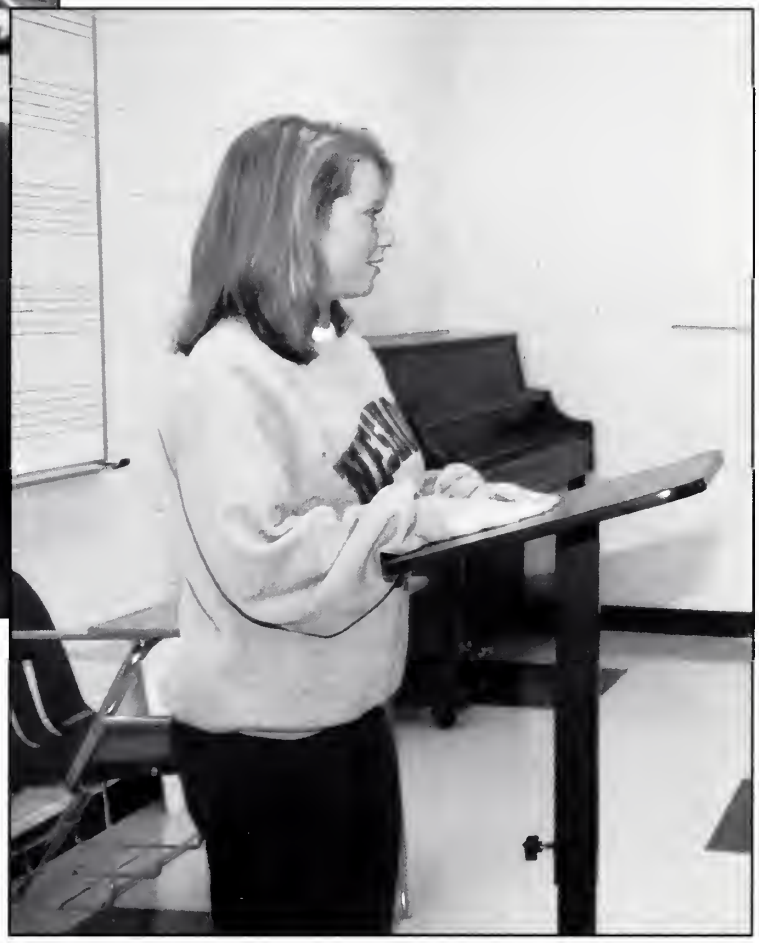
Donna Pace from Newton County Regional Hospital demonstrates the all-important process of CPR to Lucille Wood's first aid class.



In Introduction to Computers, Sam Wilson learns the basics of working in Microsoft Office. In today's society, knowledge of computers is a must.



"I love to draw,
and I try my hardest to do the
best that I can.
Drawing helps me express
my feelings."
~ Brittany Herrington

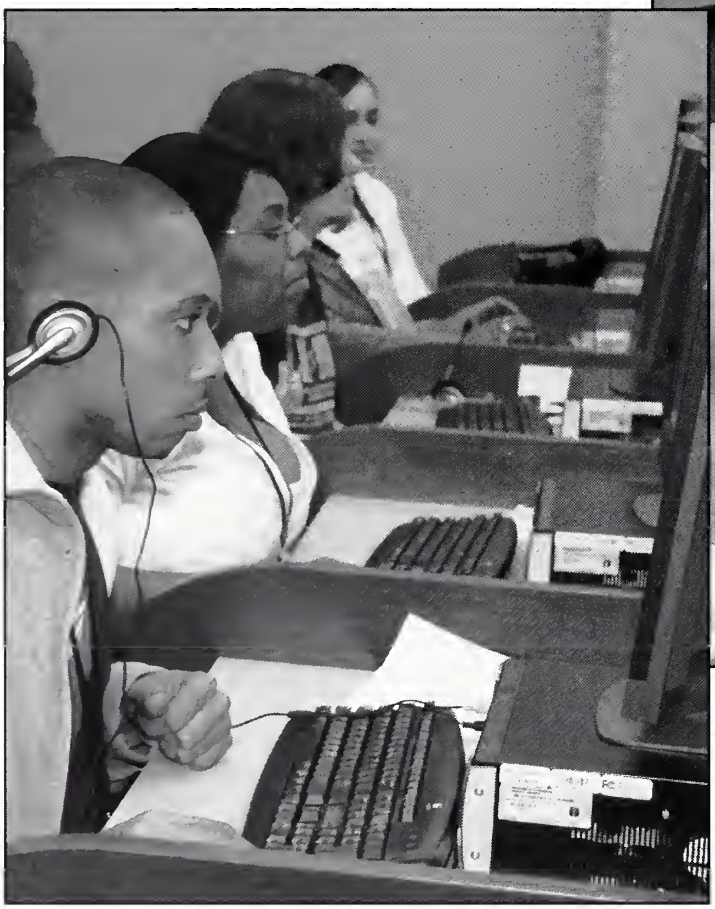


Even though Juliana Fulton may be a little nervous, she remains composed as she gives her speech. Juliana said, "I came out of the class with a better attitude toward public speaking than I had before."

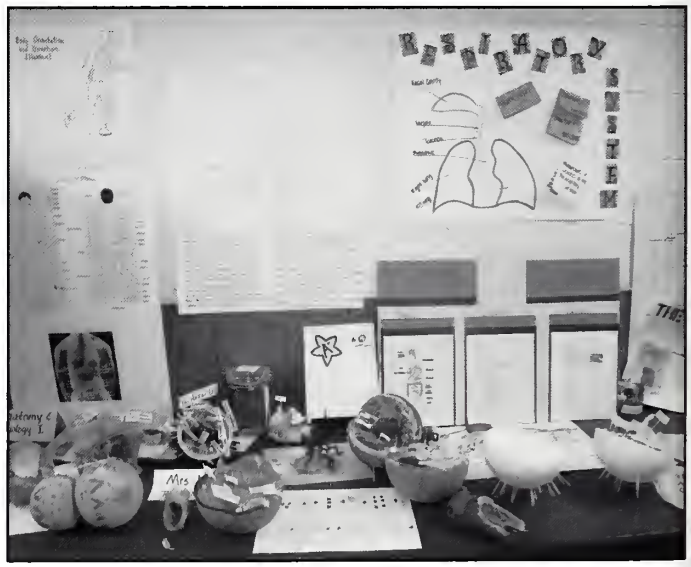
When Jesse Smith, Director of Personnel for MDOC, comes to visits Maxine McKee's classes each year, many students attend. Mr. Smith explains the importance of picking one's career and gives valuable information about careers in corrections.

The science classes at East Central have been terrific. I am a nursing major, and I think the instructors have really prepared me well.

~ Tyler Hansford



In EC's new computer lab, Mark Watson and his classmates learn how to use Blackboard, a new online avenue for teachers to post assignments and other course information.



In Cross Hall, science teachers display the models made by their students. According to Kim Hardy, projects done in 3-D are beneficial to students because the 1-D format of a textbook simply does not give students the full effect of the organs and systems they are studying.

In Sharon LeJeune's Anatomy and Physiology Lab, Tyler Hansford and Robert Westbrook look deep into the human brain.

Using her laptop, Rebecca Watkins writes her persuasive essay in Tony Kinton's English Composition II class. Classmates Laura Bain, Autumn Durant, and Dekota Anthony write their essays the old-fashioned way - on paper.

Zoology students Erin Warren and Tequia Hudson work together to dissect a grass-hopper. Teamwork is a big part of participation in science labs.

Ready for Work

What do Business Office Technology, Child Development, Cosmetology, and Welding all share in common? The fact is, these are just a few of the nineteen programs offered within East Central's Career and Technical Center. What is special about these highly sought after programs is that they prepare the student for immediate entrance into the workforce. Each program requires that students acquire their skills through first hand experience.

The Career and Technical Center offers two main types of programs. First, there are the career programs that educate students in a particular trade. Second, there are the technical programs that give students the experience needed to enter the workforce upon completion. With these credentials, it is no wonder that many students want to be on the rolls for these classes. However, the hands-on experience required for these classes makes space very limited.

Entrance into these programs requires that the student successfully complete an entrance exam related to their desired field of study, minimum ACT or TABE scores, and, for some, just a high school diploma. Once these requirements have been met, the individuals must complete an interview process to determine final selections.

Students completing these programs have a higher chance of obtaining a job in their field of interest as a result of the specialized hands-on experience they acquire. The Career and Technical Center at East Central Community College is a highly sought after institution because every program prepares the student for entrance into the workforce.

~ Shaun Cooper

"Cosmetology is fun. It's a great feeling to know that what we do can make people look and feel better about themselves."
-Brooklyn Mayo

"I love being able to follow my dreams and pursue a career in automotive technology at ECC."
- David Seward

"I've always loved to draw, so drafting and design as a major is a natural choice for me."
- Amber Wall

Cosmetology student Shaneka Blaylock works hard to give her client what she wants.

FACT:

One lightning bolt has enough electricity to service 200, 000 homes.

Electrical Technology gives William Smith practice in wiring a residential unit.

In Machine Shop Technology, Justin Rushing pays close attention while machining a part on the vertical milling machine.

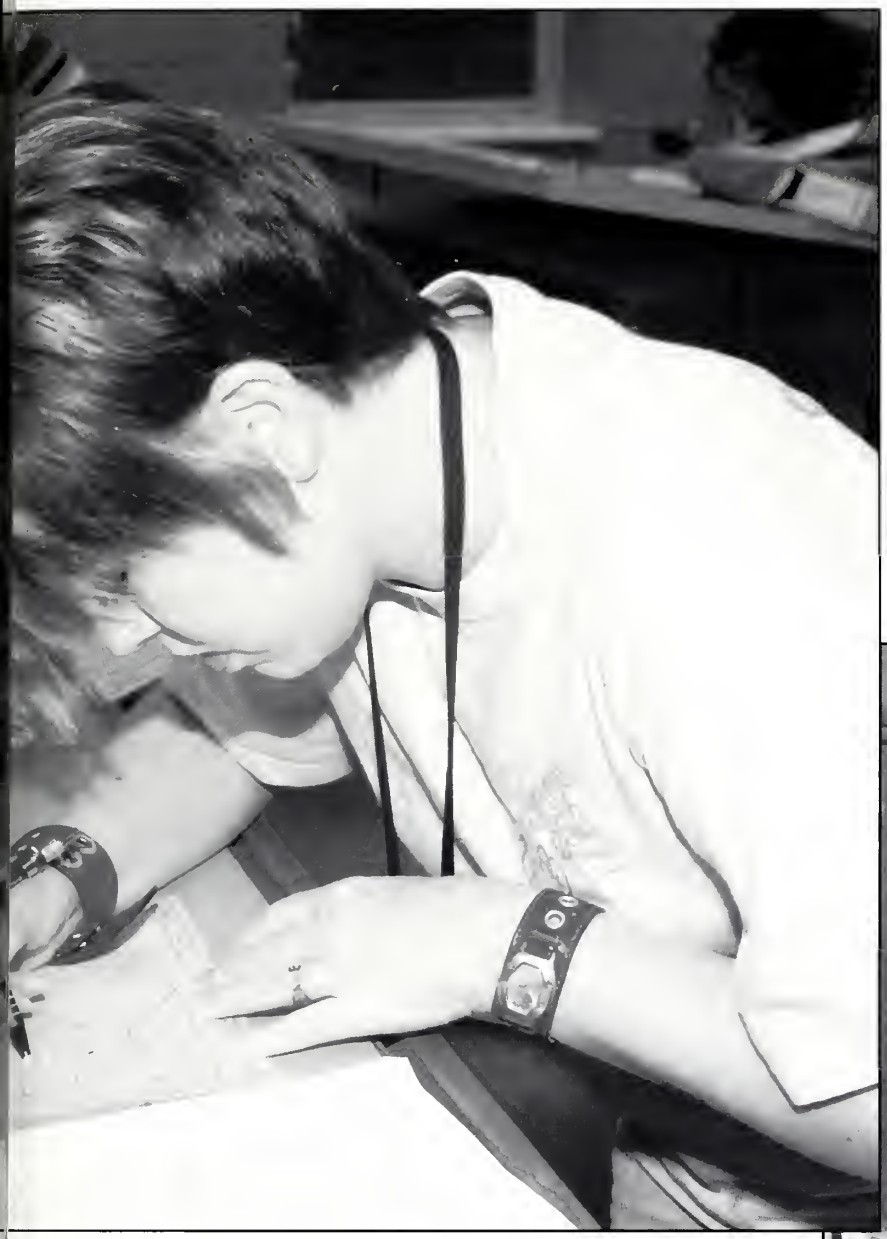
In EC's new Culinary Arts program, Vivita Johnson and her classmates prepare a poultry dish.

Hands-on learning lets Dustin Moore see the principles of electronics at work.

Practicing the basics of design, Drafting and Design Technology student Erica Foreman freehands a technical sketch.

Protecting himself with thick gloves and safety glasses, welder Tony Hunt focuses intently on the task at hand.

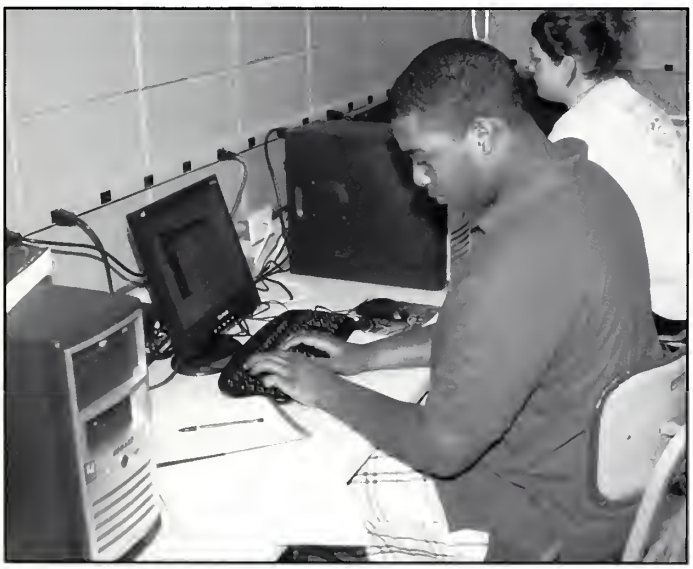
Taking advantage of the varied training offered by EC's Heating and Air Conditioning Technology program, Clint Graham, Chris Butler, Dontae Grant, and Andrew Jenkins learn to repair a microwave.



East Central has been the perfect place to get a start on my career plans in architecture. The Drafting and Design Technology program has helped me so much, and I know I'll leave here ready for the next level of design.

~ Erica Foreman

Practice makes perfect: Collision Repair Technology students Desmond Forthner and Jeremy Glover practice welding joints to build their welding skills before they tackle actual repairs.



Learning to program is a valuable skill in today's world. Computer Technology students Marequas Shaw and Paige Mixon create a Visual Basic program.

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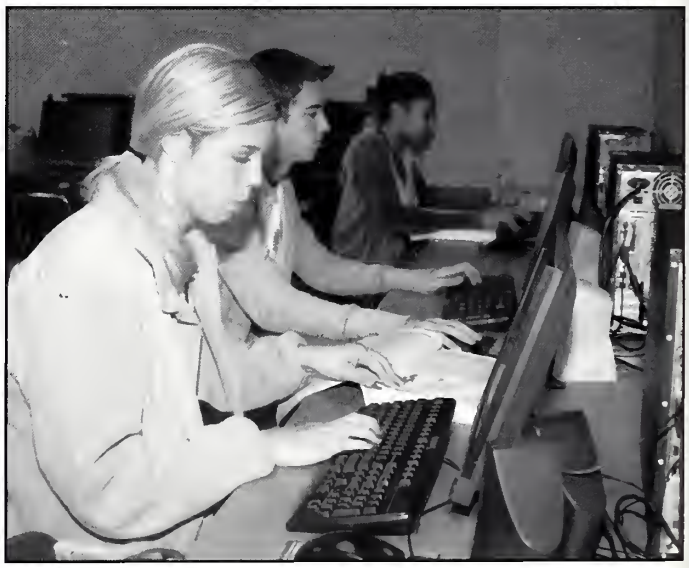
Like everyone else in my family, I've always been interested in cars. Some people don't see learning to repair cars as a good fit for women, but being in the Automotive Technology program has been great for me, and I've really enjoyed it.

~ Ashley Larkin



Inspecting the training computer, Austin Gamblin searches for the cause of its malfunction in Computer Network Support Technology.

Business Office Technology students Fallon Judge, Caleb Monk, and Rhea Alexander complete their lab assignments for the day.

In Automotive Technology, Ashley Larkin gains practical, hands-on experience by giving this '97 Ford F150 a tune-up.

Giving McKinley Gregory his full attention, Alonzo Wilson helps her with a perception building activity.

Taking advantage of beautiful, clear weather, Kentareas Howard works on a project in Carpentry and Cabinet Making - building a smokehouse.

FACT:

Only about 56% of nurses work in hospitals. Others are employed in private practices, public clinics, public health organizations, home healthcare services, and other health-related organizations.

Focused on his "patient," Joshua Warren concentrates while making an incision on a mannequin. Surgical Technology students often practiced on mannequins to gain the skills they needed.

Christy Gressett carefully places restraints on ADN classmate Jennifer Key.

Using what she has learned about performing emergency procedures , EMT student Jessica Ashley performs a endotracheal intubation.

Rhianna Rhodes gets the weight of classmate Akeele Smith. Students in the Healthcare Assistant program practice a variety of skills, even simple ones like weighing a patient.

Pursuing a Bright Future

"Being an EMT is something that I have always wanted to do."
~ Wesley Stephens

"The LPN program is an enriching and challenging experience that will prepare me to reach my goal of becoming a long-term care nurse."
~ Austin Lloyd

"I know I am getting good preparation for the nursing career I am pursuing."
~ Stacy Svihla

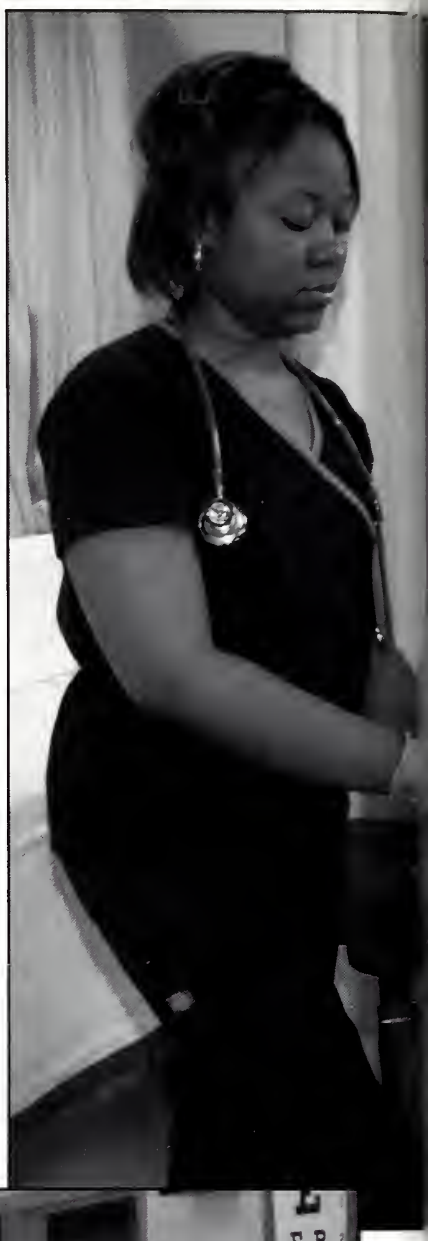
Think about a time when you had to spend time in a hospital, get medicine at a pharmacy, ride in an ambulance, or undergo surgery. Were you treated with compassion? Was the staff knowledgeable and competent? Were services performed in a fast yet efficient manner? Hopefully, the answer to all of these questions was "yes." A positive experience for the patient is the goal of healthcare professionals, and East Central's Healthcare Education division is dedicated to producing just these kinds of people - caring, compassionate, and competent workers in the growing healthcare professions.

Healthcare Education is fairly new and consists of Associate Degree Nursing, EMT/Paramedic Technology, Surgical Technology, Healthcare Assistant, and Licensed Practical Nursing programs. Healthcare Education was developed in response to Mississippi's "growing need for healthcare professionals," says the Dean of Healthcare Education, Betsy Mann.

The highly specialized training that the healthcare students receive has aided in the division's rapid growth since its creation in 2006. Students who successfully meet the program's requirements for graduation have a bright future because they are fully prepared to enter the workforce or pursue a higher education. Not only do students learn the skills necessary to treat patients, they further learn to work with a compassion and skill that is sure to revolutionize the healthcare profession.

~ Shaun Cooper

LPN student Whitney Crawford practices checking blood pressure on classmate Autumn Westbrook.



Playing the patient for the moment, Stacy Svihla cooperates as classmate Erica Pope takes her pulse. Both are members of EC's Healthcare Assistant program.

From scrubs to the instruments to the professional atmosphere, an actual operating room is recreated as closely as possible so that Surgical Technology students can learn to assist surgeons with skill and effiency.

First year ADN students Lance Wooten and Sheila Dipuma learn how to move a patient with care. Classmate Kristi Stapp takes her turn as the patient.

I learned a lot by participating in the Healthcare Assistant program. I love taking care of people, and I am excited about the opportunities this will open up for me.

~ Erica Pope

Starting an IV on his trauma victim, Michael Eichelberger practices just one of the many emergency procedures that EMT's must learn to perform.

A member of the LPN program, Austin LLoyd learns to monitor a patient's intravenous fluids.

Emilee Lanier, Aaron Mann
Dekota Anthony, Drew Harrison

Organizations

The fact is . . .

Organizations at EC provide the opportunity to . . .

- take a break from the academic demands of college
- discover new talents and passions
- meet a host of new friends
- learn lifelong lessons from working with others.

Organizations also allow students to . . .

- explore their musical talents in the Wall O'Sound
- discover the nature lover within them in the Environmental Club
- awaken the writer in them on the Tom-Tom staff
- tweak their brains in Phi Theta Kappa
- develop faith at the Baptist Student Union

The fact is . . .

Organizations offered at EC help students to discover their interests and learn valuable social skills necessary for life.

Tim Seibel, Shaun Cooper

academic/career-technical organizations

The academic and career-technical organizations at ECCC ready students for future success. They do so by providing knowledge of a specific field or by giving students a chance to lead, think, and serve. They help students build fundamental skills needed to succeed in the workplace and give them insight into issues and real-life problems they will one day face. Many of these organizations also provide a bridge into the professional organizations students will later join.

PBL members Dollye Packer, Yasmin Nicks, Renita Willis, Shonda Marshall, Krystle Hard April Jim, Sabra Fortenberry, and Tiffany Plummer proudly display "bundles of love" th they made for Care Lodge. Service projects are an important part of PBL activities.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is an academic organization designed to assist students who a pursuing a major in a medical field. The club presents programs on medical opportunities, conducts tours of surrounding hospitals, and provides its members with information from schools concerning further medical studies. Advisors are Kim Hardy, Patti Davis, and Peggy Clayton.

Row 1: Courtney Elkins, Julie Gaines, Cheryl Dawell, Braake White, Maegan Johnstan, McClain Mullins, Megan Shoemaker, and Kristian Evans. **Row 2**: Annie Strahm, Valerie Johnsan, Larie Jenkins, Amber Eaves, Hannah Miles, Amber Madisan, Ashley Channell, Candace Griffin, and Peggy Claytan, advisar. **Row 3**: Advisar Kim Hardy, Candy Ezell, Marty Ann Bergin, Allison Leach, Krystle Walvertan, Brittany Germany, Caiti Slay, and Patti Davis, advisor. **Row 4**: Austin Crauthers, Kayla Latham, Bethany Sharp, Carli O'Steen, Leann Crapps, Edna McDanald, and Kary Culpepper.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is an organization for students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. It stimulates interest in these professions and provides the opportunity to make further study of engineering and industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Advisors are Haywood Reeves and Gloria McRae.

Row 1: Thorin McNichols and Jared McElhenney. Row 2: Haywood Reeves, Noah [illegible], Heath Street and Gloria McRae

Row 1: Kizzy L. Miller, Jolyso S. Hardin, Antroy D. Gavin, Nicole chambers, Yentl Brantley and Anna Rouse. Row 2: Bridget Burkes, Trent Bottle, Candace Barton, Caitlin Harper, Jennifer Sistrunk, Joseph McDonald and Liz Thorne.

Student Education Association

SEA, an organization for students preparing for careers in education, provides vital information on a variety of educational issues and gives its members practical experience in both teacher-student and teacher-teacher relations. Advisor is Lucille Wood.

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta seeks to encourage a keener interest in mathematics. The club's activities help develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote enjoyment of mathematics among its members. Advisor is Sue Ford.

Row 1: Brandi Gray, Jennifer Sistrunk, Lucy Burns, Rebecca Watkins, Caiti Gray and Santigous Culpepper. Row 2: Advisor Sue Ford, Cindell Hickmon, James Smith, Jonathon Jackson, Alex Harris, Amneris Avalos, and Timothy Zetterholm

East Central Business Club

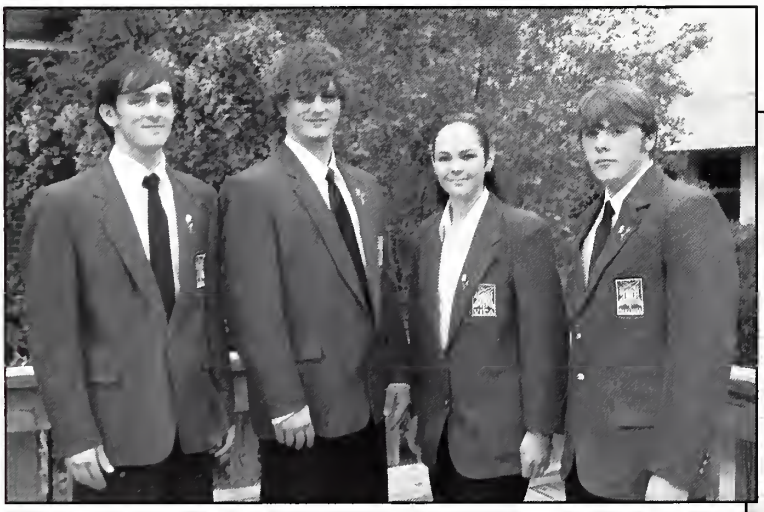
East Central Business Club is an organization for students interested in business careers. It offers its members the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning and practicing the principles of free enterprise. It provides knowledge vital to succeeding in the demanding world of business. Advisors are Wanda Hurley and Roberta Holt.

Row 1: Leslie Hallingswarth, Anna White, Cannie Parker, Angela Valentine, and Candace Lang. Row2: Trever Vaughn, Delynn Agee, Justin Laftan, Carlas Rice, Joseph Ciegla, and Ashley Henley.

Row 1: Altamisha Lake, Rhanda Haustan, Amanda Ainswarth, Braaklyn Maya, Kristi Yarbraugh, and Danielle Gaddis. Row 2: Shaneka Blaylack, Mellissa Braake Taylar, Kentareya Haward, Manica Bayd, Heather Rigby, Krystle Walker, Mark McEachern, and Sara Gass. Third Row: Brandi Carter, Mandy Weathers, Mindy Parker, Andre Ellis, Shelby Shelley, Kyle Keady, Russ Tanner, and Kendall Haskins. Fourth Row: Daug Osbarne, Daniel Steversan, Ryan Smyth, David Pugh, Brad Latham, Matthew Waaten, Caurtney Stingley, Nathan Wallaw, and Daphanie Hall.

Skills USA

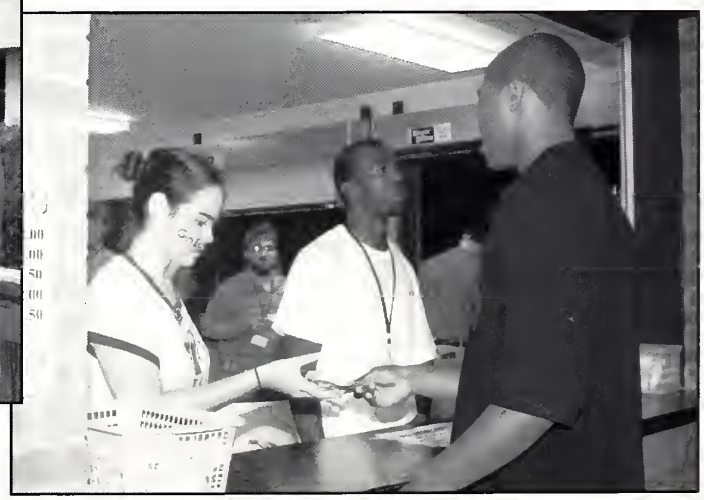
Skills USA is a national organization serving members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations. The organization prepares America's high performance workers by providing quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork citizenship and character development. Career-technical instructors share advising duties.



Skills USA Officers

Evan Smart (Electrical Technology), president, Brad Latham (Welding and Cutting), vice president, Mindy Parker (Carpentry and Cabinetmaking), secretary, and Logan McDanald (Business Technology), parliamentarian.

While Jeremy Thamas is ready to serve when needed, Mindy Parker helps her customer. Each year, Skills USA runs the concession stand at Warriar faatball games as a way to raise funds.



Association of Student Nurses - East Central

ASNEC is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (NSNA). The organization promotes and encourages participation in community affairs and activities toward improved health care and related social issues. It also serves to influence healthcare and practice through legislative activities. Advisors are Nan Anderson and Christy Savell.

First Year ASNEC Students

Row 1: Kim Traxler, Cindy Payne, Chasity Yates, Tar Williams, Kristi Sharp, Kim Williams, Kristy Chamblee, Jamie Stribling, Tiffanie Credille, Tera Culpepper, Paige Pasey, Jennifer Key, and Stacia Young. Row 2: Tiffany Quick, Shannan Harrison, Michelle Galloway, Jessica Dean, Christie Butler, Christy Ezell, Christy Gressett, Jennifer Clark, Erin Miller, Kemyatta Qualls, Macqualine Martin, and Latrice Spivey. Row 3: Lee Blackburn, Holly Tullos, Rachelle Graham, Cady Pugh, Lindsey Little, Amber Reed, Rase Eichelberger, Scott Hayman, Doug Kelley, Barbara Pitts, Shannan Callahan, Tiffany Hensan, and Thomas Kennedy.

Second Year ASNEC Students

Row 1: Stephanie Reeves, Courtney Townsend, Dina Campbell, Haley Fisher, Katrina Patie, Melissa Ferguson, Ellen Taylor, Amantha Roberson, Jahnna Wesley, Ashley Verry, Traci Wilson, Carrie McDonald, and Castatina Viverette. Row 2: Brian Waltman, Tiah York, Tesha Clemans, Jennifer Harris, Rachel Chappell, Abby Yates, Lacey Williams, Nichale Land, India Curry, Chastity Odam, Sara Bryan, Julie Halley, and Jana Sansing. Row 3: Daniel Pickett, Brad McKinley, Ashley May, Calette Russell, Shelley Wright, Kelsi Ables, Gillian Poole, Kristi Ellis, Shirley Dentan, Sean Self, Tani Langston, and DeAna Marrow.

Having a little fun with officer elections, the second-year students dress crazy and fun shirts that say "Pull for Poole." In front are Haley Fisher, Tracy Wilson, and Ashley Berry. Across the back are Jillian Poole, who won her race for president, Nicole Land, Jahnna Wesley, Katrina Patie, Kelsi Ables, Abby Yates, and Chasity Odam.

ASNEC Officers

Gillian Poole, president; Doug Kelley, vice-president; India Curry, secretary; Kristi Stapp, treasurer; and Traci Wilson, reporter.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is a national professional nonprofit business organization for college students. Active involvement in Phi Beta Lambda keeps members current and abreast of trends, issues, challenges, and changes within the business world. Advisors are Christy Ferguson and Kelly Cluff.

Row 1: Marcus Warnsley, Anna White, Carrie Alexander, Tiffany Plummer, Angela Janes, Angela Valentine, Leslie Hallingswarth, Tia Weaver, Vicki Sawyer. Row 2: Felicia Futch, Pamela Baane, Dallye Packer, Britni Wright, Shaun Caaper, Tammy Plaisance, Braake Barrett, Jash Dickersan, Janathan Federick, Drew Harrisan. Row 3: Braakes Mayes, Kimberly Hearn, Kristen Alsup, Katie Anthany, Kristi Atkins, Jani Bazeman, Lalita Jardan, Sharanda Maare, Evan Summers-Janes. Row 4: Leslie Nash, Terry Smith, Brett Latimer, Tyrell Satcher, Carlas Rice, William Cumberland, Delynn Agee, Justin Laftan.

Phi Beta Lambda Officers Leslie Nash, president; Katie Anthany, ca-histarian; Terry Smith, vice president; Braakes Mayes, secretary; Pamela Boone, treasurer; Kristen Alsup, parliamentarian; and Felicia Futch, reparter. Nat pictured is William Cumberland, co-histarian.

PBL members Kim Edwards and Kristen Alsup prepare Christmas gifts far delivery ta residents af Care Ladge in Meridian.

Clawning in frant are Britni Wright, Leslie Nash, Shaun Caaper, and Laura Pearsan. Jaining in the picture acrass the back are Jahnathan Frederick, Drew Harrison, Jash Dickersan, Dexter McDanald, Braakes Mayes, Tyrell Satcher, Jeffrey Davis, and Carlas Rice.

PBL members attended the state leadership canference to campete in variaus events. When the pressure af campetitian was aver, these members treated themselves ta a late night breakfast at IHOP.

Row 1: Hannah Miles, Candy Ezell, Lauren Smith, Crystol Shoemaker, Jono Johnsan, and Julie Goines. Row 2: Candace Lang, Amneris Avalas, Brittany White, Cheryl Dawell, Larie Jenkins, Marty Ann Bergin, and Beth Alexander. Row 3: Advisor Bruce Guraedy, Suzanne Henry, Drew Gillis, Joseph Cieglo, Keith Brown, Jonathan Jacksan, Carli O'Steen, and Debbie Hammans, advisar. Row 4: Amber Eaves, Kayla Coward, Marcus Lee Kiel Higginbatham, Loro Burt, Caurtney Elkins, Dru Andersan, and Valerie Jahnsan.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary society of the two-year college. It is designed to promote scholarship, develop character, and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Advisors are Debbie Hammons and Bruce Guraedy.

After putting in hours of hard work, Cheryl Dowell, Eloino Jomes, ond Leslie Nosh proudly the PTK scropbook they hove creoted.

At PTK's fall induction ceremony, new members hold lighted condles os they leorn the principles ond duties of membership.

Phi Theta Kappa Officers

Row 1: Suzanne Henry membership Elaino James , scropbook committee, Ashley Henley vice president of scholorship and Joseph Cieglo, vice president of fellawship. Row 2: Drew Gillis, vice president of service Cheryl Dawell, scropbook committee; Amber Eaves, treasurer; and Jonathan Jacksan, membership. Row 3: Volerie Johnsan, secretary Delynn Agee, vice president of leodership; Leslie Nash photogropher and Beth Alexander president Row 4: Advisars Debbie Hammans and Bruce Guraedy

leadership organizations

Leadership organizations at East Central help keep the communication between students and school officials flowing as they work together on various issues. These organizations provide students with valuable opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. Students learn to communicate with others, tackle tough issues, and get things done.

SBA members Amber Eaves, Maegan Johnston, Brookes Mayes, and Calli Cumberland are dressed and ready to welcome students to Haunted House of Hoops. Below, president Dru Anderson welcomes students back to East Central during the Welcome Back Week picnic. SBA plans these and other events for students to enjoy throughout the year.

President's Council member Candace Long, who serves as co-editor of the 2008 *Wo-He-Lo*, gives Dr. Phil Sutphin an update on the yearbook's progress.

Student Body Association

Composed of student body officers and representatives from each class, the SBA plans and implements the entertaining activities that make life on campus more enjoyable. Members also serve as liaisons between their fellow students and campus administration.

Raw 1: Dru Andersan president; Maegan Johnstan vice president; Julie Gaines, secretary; Braakes Mayes, treasurer; freshman class officers Emily Thrash, president; Calli Cumberland vice president; Condi Vance secretary; and Adrienne Bird, treasurer. Row 2: Sophomore class officers Austin McNair president; Jordan Taylor vice president; Kelly Kight secretary; and Amber Eaves, treasurer.

Albert Hunt, Kayla Coward

Residence Hall Council

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Director of Student Life in supervising the dormitories. The residence hall council is made up of resident assistants and other at-large members.

President's Council

The President's Council establishes better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Members meet with Dr. Phil Sutphin and Mr. Joe Killens monthly to discuss activities and concerns.

Raw 1: Dr. Phil Sutphin, Beth Alexander, Maegon Johnston, Drew Gillis, and Joe Killens. Row 2: Austin McNair, Emily Thrash, Yentl Brantley, Candace Long, Dru Anderson, Britni Wright, Braakes Mayes, Annie Strohm, and Elaina James. Raw 3: Delynn Agee, Daug Kelley, Amber Griffin, Evon Smart, Kyle Borrett, Heath Street, and Leslie Nash.

publications

In years to come, the present students at East Central will wish to look back on their college days and relive those moments of opportunity and excitement. The only solid objects they will have to remember those times are pictures and written documents. That is why publications such as the *The Tom-Tom* the *Wo-He-Lo,* East Central's newspaper and yearbook, are crucial to students. Through these, students are able to relive those precious memories again and again.

At right, Chelsey Holland is interviewed for a yearbook feature by co-editor Britni Wright. Below, co-editor Candace Long proofreads the last set of proofs in order to meet the final deadline. For the first time in years, the Wo-He-Lo staff had co-editors working to gether to lead yearbook produciton.

Working on the sophomore pages, Gina Howell makes sure that each picture is properly placed and identified.

Tom-Tom staff member Kylie Rigdon and advisor Kate Keenan look at the latest issue of the Tom-Tom and discuss plans for an upcoming issue.

Hours are spent on the computer making sure each page is right. Jennifer Sistrunk works on a feature found in the yearbook's people section.

Row 1: Kenneth Tratter, Becky Culpepper, Kylie Rigdan, Andy Andersan, Beth Alexander, and Braake Culpepper. Row 2: Kristie Rabinsan, Pamela Tawnsend Jalisa Smith, April Strickland, and Russ Godwin.

Tom-Tom S f

The *Tom-Tom* is the official campus newspaper. Staff members gain valuable experience in journalism as they produce six issues a year.

Wo-He-Lo Staff

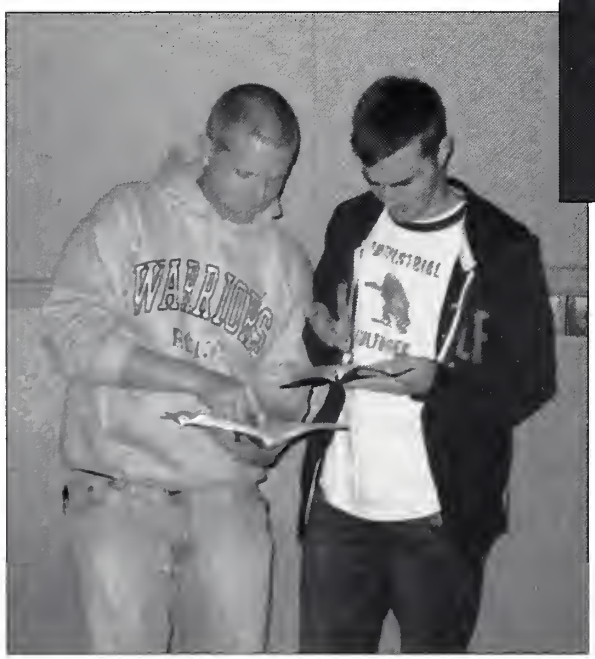
The yearbook staff works to capture the year through pictures, captions, and informative articles. The *Wo-He-Lo* is given to students each spring as a record of their time at East Central.

Row 1: Jennifer Sistrunk, Shaun Cooper, staff writer, and Kylie Rigdon. Row 2: Co-editor Candace Lang, Kim Sanders, and Britni Wright, co-editor. Not pictured: Gino Hawell.

religious organizations

Three religious organizations are available on campus for students who wish to fellowship with those who share common beliefs. Together they pursue a faith that will be all-important to them in the college years. Members share meals, worship, learn, serve, and pray together.

BSU provides time for both serious Bible study and fun fellowship. At right, Courtney Elkins, Dru Anderson, Julie Gaines, Kayla Coward, Lara Burt, Suzanne Henry, Meagan Cook, Skye Tindall, and Liz Thorne clown around one night after Bible study. Below, Jonathan Crabtree shares a verse with Josh Smith.



Tuesday luncheons provide a chance for Wesley Foundation members to get good food, fellowship, and faith-building lessons.

Baptist Student Union

The BSU seeks to help students live the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions, conferences, retreats, and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center across the street from campus. Director is Scott Vaughn; associate director is Joey Lang.

Raw 1: Dru Anderson, Kayla Coward, Meagan Cook, and Courtney Elkins. Raw 2: Derek Crenshaw, Brooke Culpepper, Noah Cook, Becky Culpepper, Heather Jawers, Josh Smith, Lucy Burns, Ashley Jordan, and Britni Harvey. Row 3: T. J. Bates, Julie Gaines, Tawayatha Evans, Kenyana Rivers, Rashima Jenkins, T. Scott Vaughn (director), Kaleb Rice. Raw 4: Marcus Lee, Santigous Culpepper, Victoria York, Chotsani Henderson, Katherine Taylor, Carlena Clemmons, Patince Haynes, and Skye Apperson. Raw 5: Sharla Joyner, Elaina James, Sandreia Hillie, Michaela Lee, Yentl Brantley, Angela Moore, Aaron Marrison, and Bryan Rizzi. Raw 6: Josh Moore, Suzanne Henry, Sam Evans, Marcus Travis, Lamario Hopson, Josh Ledford, and Ryan Reeves. Raw 7: Justin Boone, Dimaria Parks, and Octavius Truman.

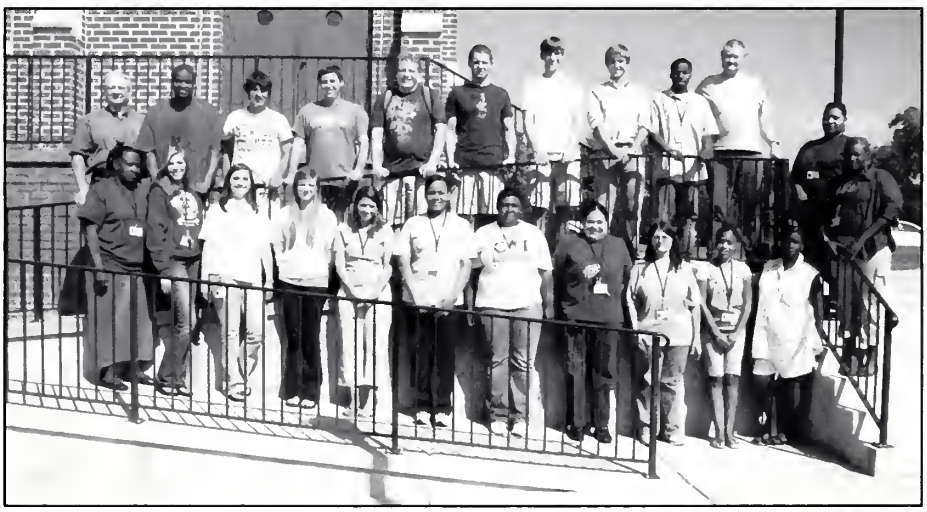
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. The EC chapter conducts regular morning prayer breakfasts which allow athletes and other students to fellowship and share their faith. FCA focuses on equipping, empowering, and encouraging young people, especially athletes, to make a difference for Christ. Advisor is Scott Hill.

Raw 1: Marcus Travis, Whitnee White, Genny Freeman, Shana Easley, Catalina Tarazana, Emily Thrash, Lindsey Stevens, and Leah Dennis. Raw 2: Jeremy Dillon, Randy Carter, Dustin Alley, Laura Smith, Beau Hannah, Derek Crenshaw, Erin Breland, Amy Sharp, Matthew Lewis, Lamar Truman, and Kendrick May.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences and become more Christ-like through worship, Bible study, prayer and service. Director is Reverend Johnny Crosby.



Row 1: Dianne A. Boyd, Dekata Anthany, Maegan Johnston, Lauren Smith, Megan Shaemaker, Latoria Lewis, Savannah Barksdale, Geraldine Deasan, Lachelle Moss, Erica Jones, Peachrich Pouerie, Lynie Lacey, and Kinaka Leggett. Second Raw: Spencer Spane, Noah Cook, Jared McElhenney, Drew Gillis, Caleb Frink, Matt Naylar, McClain Mullins, Jonathan Jackson, and Tommy Deason.

special interest organizations

Some organizations are difficult to categorize; however, these organizations are vital to East Central. They draw together various groups of people who share interests and give them a chance to pursue common goals.

As ambassadors of the college, members of Warrior Corps welcomed the then high school seniors - now college freshmen as they attended EC's Senior Days last spring.

Sharing concession stand duties, Olivia Scott and Jennifer Sistrunk chat before the stand gets busy.

On a service trip to Lake Okatibbee, Curt Skipper, Tim Zetterholm, Tim Siebel, Sandy Penn, Tanika Robinson, Caiti Slay, Annie Strohm, and Amanda Jones get instruction on planting bulbs from Gary Hardin from the Corps of Engineers.

Diamond Darlings

Being a Diamond Darling gives girls interested in baseball an opportunity to become part of the ECCC baseball program. Diamond Darlings provide encouragement for the players and offer assistance at home ballgames. Advisor is Katie Sparkman.

Raw 1: Kasey Crutcher, Jennifer Sistrunk, Jay Hayes, Ashley Fortune Raw 2: Olivia Scott, Samantha Wright, Lauren Lyle Raw 3: Caitlin Puckett, Lacy McMurray, Whitney Smith, Caitlin Harper Raw 4: Ginny Mitchell, Santigous Culpepper, Jennifer Wyatt Raw 5: Ashley Pigg, Britni Harvey Erica Dawell, and Tiffany Thomas.

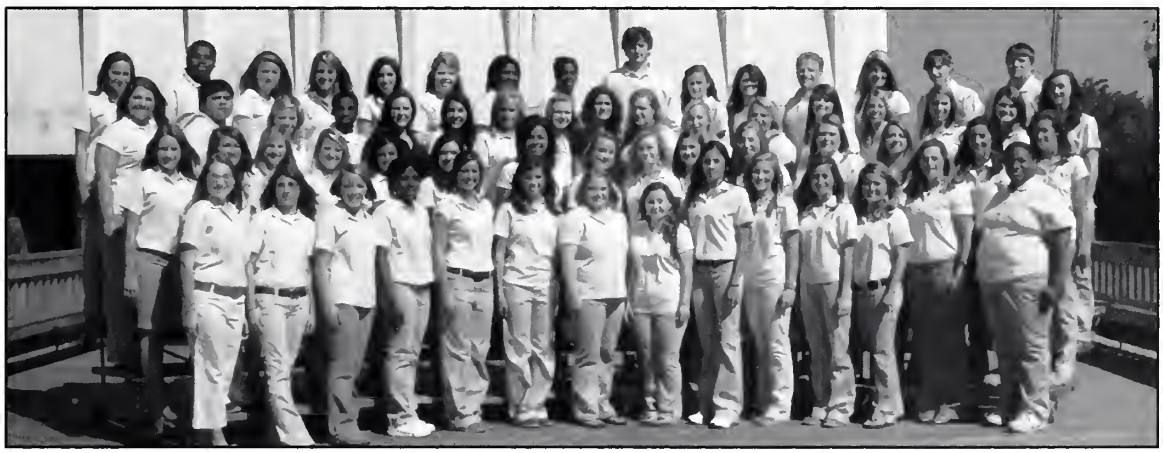
East Central Environmental Club

The purpose of ECEC is to promote environmental awareness among its members and the community, to promote and encourage recycling, and to become an active part of the environmental network and the community. To accomplish these goals, ECEC meets once a month, either for club business or to collect materials for recycling. ECEC also conducts field trips throughout the year. Advisors are Joe Johnson, Sharon LeJeune, and Kim Hardy.

Row 1: Advisors - Curt Skipper , Sharon LeJeune, and Joe Johnson. **Row 2**: Ryan Laper, Amber Eaves, Cheryl Dawell, Larie Jenkins Britni Harvey, India Dickerson, Rebecca Watkins, and Sandy Penn. **Row 3**: Melanie Eaves, Nichole Ball, Tanika Robinson, Teresa Gibbs, Latasha Watkins, Kalby Sissan, and Annie Strahm. **Row 4**: Tim Siebel, Tim Zetterholm, and Caiti Slay.

Warrior Corps

Warriar Carps is an elite graup of students chasen by a special electian committee ta represent East Central with recruiting endeavars and special events. These students must reflect the character and integrity of East Central Community College. Advisars are Michael Alexander, Lanette Hanna, and Ramanica Evans.



Raw 1: Emily Lanier, Sarah Eakes, Sharla Joyner, Samantha Clark, Adrienne Bird, Candi Vance, Hailey Walker, Elaina James, Brandie Davis, Emily Thrash, Calli Cumberland, Joy Hayes, Abby Thomas, and Jalisa Smith. **Raw 2**: Kylie Rigdon, Anna Laurie Ezelle, Amber Smith, Lindsey Stevens, Jana Johnson, Meagan Cook, Yentl Brantley, Brittany Germany, Courtney Elkins, Reagan Joyner, Ashley Bradford, Ashley Fortune, Kasey Crutcher, Dru Anderson, and Chelsey Vincent. **Raw 3**: Amber Eaves, Sean Farmer, Julie Gaines, Jonathan Jackson, Beth Alexander, Lara Burt, Kenzie Gaines, Whitney Smith, Brookes Mayes, Liz Tharne, Lacey Brewer, Kayla Coward, Valerie Johnson, Brittany White, Connie Savell, Kimberly Sanders, and Nicole Dunavant. **Raw 4**: Beth Ann Wade, Austin Crauthers, Skye Tindall, Anna Johnson, Ashley Henley, Elizabeth Barney, Leslie Nash, Kristina Ealy, Phillip Vines, Kayla Ann Fedrick, Hannah Miles, Drew Gillis, Anna Rause, Austin McNair, and Kolby Sisson. **Not Pictured**: Jennifer Sistrunk and Britni Wright.

performance groups

Members of East Central's performance groups bring all different kinds of talent to the stage. Whether the talent is acting, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, students in these groups enjoy a chance to shine in front of their classmates. Behind the scenes, each group spends hours of time rehearsing for performances.

Ac'cent members Kyle Barrett and Dru Anderson move to the groove of the music at their annual fall performance.

Striking a pose in *If a Man Answers,* Jennifer Sistrunk is all smiles for the camera.

EC Players Anna Laurie Ezelle and Tyler Hansford get into their roles in the dinner theater production of *If a Man Answers.*

Strumming on his six-string Les Paul, Mr. Carson gets down during the Collegians annual Fall concert.

During a half-time performace at the new Bill and Louise Bailey Stadium, Marty Ann Bergin, Carmen Ezelle, and Courtney Elkins and the rest of the the Centralettes show off their impressive dance skills to the music of the Wall O' Sound marching band.

Choir members keep their eyes firmly set on Mr. Len Bobo as they perform during the fall concert.

collegians

One of the most popular audience-appeal groups at East Central, the Collegians perform on campus each spring and fall and take advantage of off-campus appearance opportunities as well. Led by Tom Carson, who also plays guitar, the select vocal/instrumental group performs songs from all elements of top 40 music.

The ladies of the Collegians, Lana Adkins, Kelly Kight, Carmen Ezell, and Jordan Taylor, take center stage.

Seated in front: Drew Gillis and Drew Harrison. Left side (left to right): Connie Savell, Aaron Mann, Lana Adkins, Nathan Spears, Dustin Gibbs, Kyle Barrett, Jesse Nash, Ryan Mark, Brent Cumberland, and Greyson Foster. Right side (left to right): Jordan Taylor, Anthony Williams, Kelly Kight, Josh Talbert, Jenny Lada, Cory Winstead, and Carmen Ezell. Standing in center: Casey Stokes.

Clackwise fram Tap Left: Kyle Barrett and Casey Stakes get dawn an their guitars. Dressed appropriately, singers Drew Harrisan, Nathan Spears, Kelly Kight, Lana Adkins, and Carmen Ezell perform a tribute ta the Beach Bays. Freshmen Drew Harrison and Nathan Spears pause a secand ta give a smile and dialogue with their many cheering fans. Giving it his all, Drew Harrison hits the high notes perfectly while singing "Hame" by Daughtry.

Counterclockwise from Top Right: Partners Dakato Anthony and Kyle Barrett get close as they perform a ballad. The theme of the fall concert was "Bringing the House Down," and the Ac'cents do just that. Joy Hayes and Aaron Mann dance in perfect sync. Always the performer, Drew Harrison gives the song all he's got.

ac'cents

The Ac'cents are a select group of students who sing and dance to choreographed partner and solo musical numbers. Directed by Vicki Blaylock, the ensemble is commonly composed of six males and six females. Performances are amazing, with singing, dancing, and a bit of acting all mixed together. The Ac'cents perform on-campus events, as well as for civic clubs and special events throughout the year.

Taking it down a notch, Ac'cents members harmonize beautifully on a love song.

Row 1: Drew Harrisan and Dakata Anthany. Row 2: Logan McDanald, Jay Hayes, Aaran Mann, Emilee Lanier, Dru Andresan and Noah Cook. Row 3: Maegan Johnstan and Carmen Ezelle. Row 4: Brent Cumberland, Kyle Barrett, Ryan Reeves, and Janathan Crabtree.

gospel choir

This traditionally African-American choir, under the leadership of Brenda Johnson, is known for its spirited and uplifting gospel performances. In fall 2007, approximately 70 former voices of the talented group reunited and performed a reunion concert before a capacity crowd.

Gospel choir director Brenda Johnson (center) poses with a few members of the 2007 reunion choir: Austin Floyd, Alex Gill, Jonathan Griffin, Lavor Robinson, and Malcolm McBride.

Row 1: Latrice Waters, Tiera Hughes, Kayla Nixon, Kelli Nixon, Austin Crouthers, Rhonda Houston, Alvina Slaughter, and Shardae Foley. Row 2: Fatisha Crockett, Kellie Sullivan, Santanna Wilson, Amber Griffin, Racheal Day, Kentoreya Howard, Portrie Gaddis, and sponsor Brenda K. Johnson. Row 3: Danielle Gaddis, Lakeishia Robinson, Robin Brown, Andrew Haynes, Tyrell Satcher, and Deon Hudson.

concert choir

East Central's concert choir, under the direction of Mr. Len Bobo, performs four-part choral music of various styles and periods. The choir performs a fall and spring concert each year on campus and also attends the Mississippi Junior/Community College Choral Festival. Accompanist is Natalie Emmons.

w 1: Len Bobo, director, Rachel Thompson, Beth Alexander, Brandi Ricks, Mark Watson, Tyree Satcher, Dimario Parks, Jonathan Crabtree, Santious lpepper, Alyssa Alderman, Anna Laurie Ezelle, and Natalie Emmons, accompanist. Row 2: Angela Moore, Carrie Stokes, Britni Wright, Lucy Burns, Caleb ok, Dexter McDonald, Whitney Lott, Anthony Williams, Jared Hollingsworth, Hillary Rieger, Emilee Lanier, and Sherri Smith. Row 3: Patience Haynes, Caitlin ckett, Brittany Tyson, Jaide Horn, Brittany Bobo, McClain Mullins, William Zynosky-Sharpling, Noah Cook, Aaron Johnson, Chelsey Vincent, Meagan Cook, zanne Henry, and Nichole Ball. Row 4: Latasha Warren, Tyrra Evans, Cristen Jones, Kristie Robinson, Kyle Barrett, Aaron Mann, Ronnie White, Terry Smith, ew Harrison, Logan McDonald, Lee Taylor, Austin Couther, Van Williams, Emily Wynne, Candi Vance, and Erica Unwin.

ec players

EC Players offers those interested in dramatics the opportunity to participate in various types of plays as an actor, student director, or member of the behind-the-scenes crew. Each year, the group presents a dinner theater in the fall and musical in the spring. The 2007 fall play was *If a Man Answers*. In the Spring of 2008, the EC Players presented *Grease*. Joan Grimes aptly directed both productions.

As Chantal (Anna Laurie Ezelle) reveals her plan to train Gene to Tina (Brookes Mayes), Germaine (Erin Tramill), Canchita (Jennifer Sistrunk), and Belladonna (Emilee Lanier) listen in.

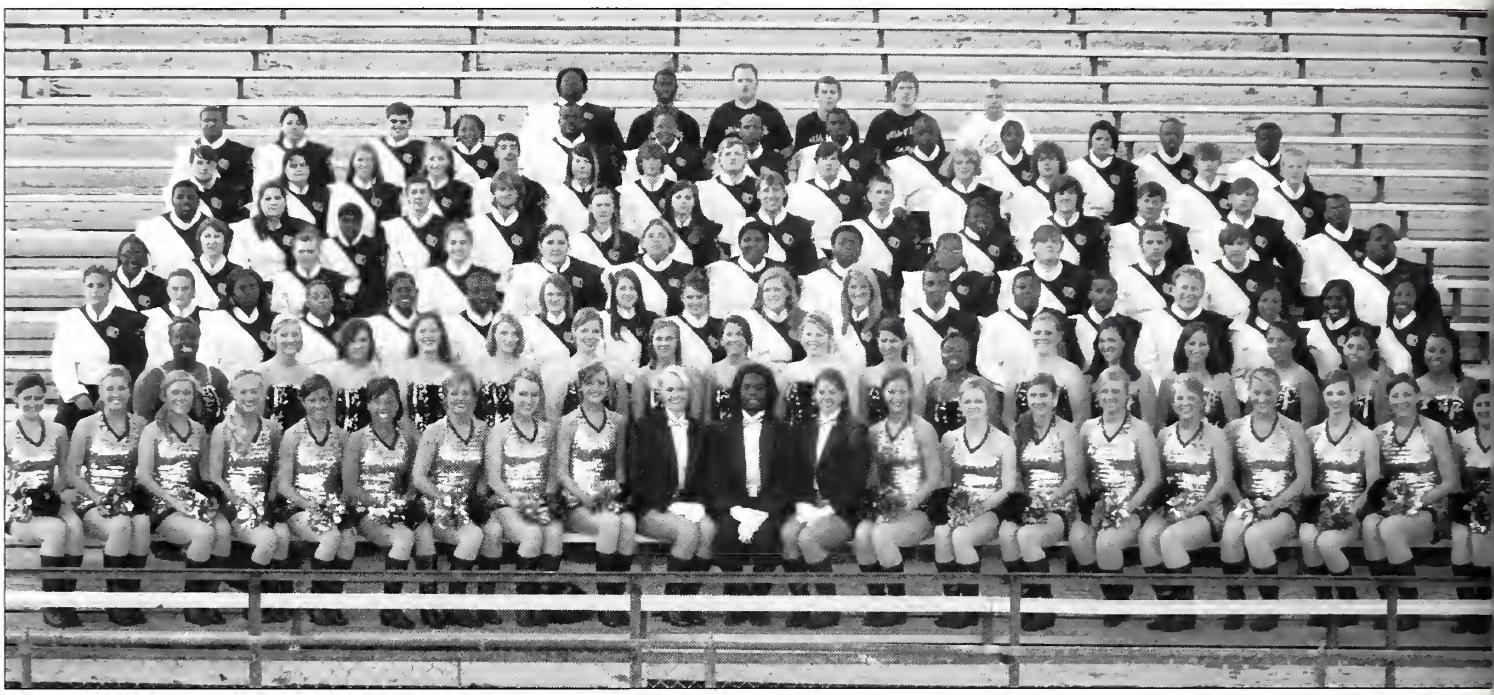
If a Man Answers Cast

Seated (Floor): Kylie Pigdon, Emilee Lanier, and Nicole [illegible]. Seated (Couch): Erin Tramill, Anna Laurie Ezelle, and Brookes Mayes. Standing: Jonathan Federick, [illegible], Aaron Morrison, Tyler Hansford, J.B. Files, and Rebecca Rogers.

Scenes from *If a Man Answers* - Clockwise from Top Left: Robert Swann (J.B. Files) introduces himself as Chantal's phony lover. Chantal Stacey (Anna Laurie Ezelle) rewards her husband, Gene Wright (Tyler Hansford), with a scratch behind his ear. Europa (Nicole Dunavant), Salome (Kylie Rigdon), and a man (Jonathan Federick) chat at Gene and Chantal's party. Germaine Stacey (Erin Tramill) assures her husband, John (Aaron Morrison), of her love for him.

Wall O'Sound

The Wall O'Sound Marching Band is made up of musicians joined by the Color Guard, Centralettes, and Warrior Drumline. Together they perform during halftime shows at football games and at pep rallies throughout the year. The band has previously been voted the top community college marching band in the state and never fails to keep the crowds entertained.



Drum Majors

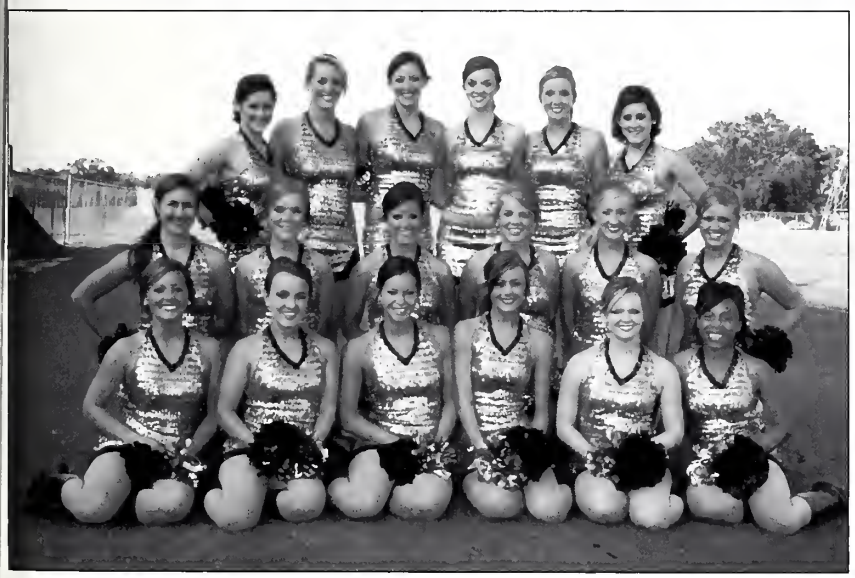
Kristen Chamblee, Candy Ezell, Calvin Griffin

Color Guard

Row 1: Amber Wall, Tashide Williamsan, Missy Williamsan, Lara Burt, Elizabeth Barney, and Celeste Franklin. **Row 2:** Yentl Brantley, Erin Warren, Rachel Oatman, Crystal Walker, and Tashina Taylar. **Row 3:** DeAndra Gamillian, Wendy Cater, Racheal Day, Sky Appersan, and Manika McMahan.

Warrior Drumline

Kneeling: Carey Sharp, Travis Smallwaad, Cassidy Byars, Anna Switzer, Justin Weathers, Janathan Crabtree, Skyler Steele, Nathan Spears, Stephen Caleman, and Brewer McGee. **Standing:** Cristen Janes, Lucy Burns, Manica Chesney, Casey Stakes, Kyle Barrett, Hillary Reiger, Marvin Flucker, Dustin Maare, John Bates, and Cannie Savell.

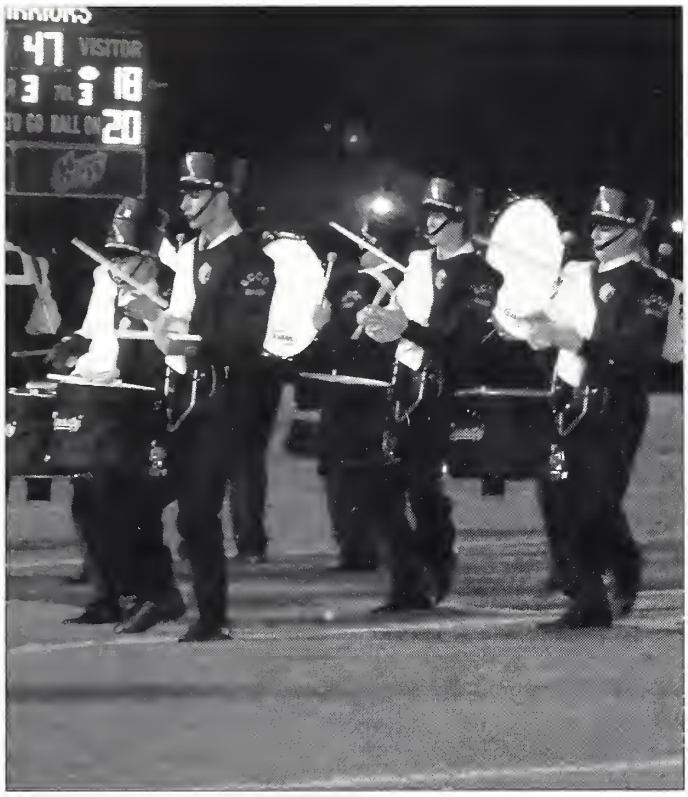


Centralettes

Row 1: Jordan Taylar, Brittany Germany, Marty Ann Bergin, Kelly Kight Caurtney Elkins, and Latrice Waters. **Row 2:** Regan Jayner, Jessica Gallaway, Candi Vance, Lacy McMurry, Krystal Walvertan, and Carmen Ezell. **Row 3:** Becky Culpepper, Anna Johnsan, Lana Adkins, Nicole Dunavant, Tiffany Thomas, and Brooke Culpepper.

Providing on-the-field leadership, drum majors Calvin Griffin and Candy Ezelle direct the Wall O'Sound.

Always a crowd favorite, the drum line provides the perfect rhythm the band needs to stay in sync.



This bird's-eye view shows the Wall O'Sound perfectly in place. As they play an up-beat number, the Centralettes take center stage to wow the Homecoming crowd.

The skillful playing of Victoria York, Dwayne Yarbrough, and other members of the brass section enhances the band's performance.

Adding a splash of color to the band's halftime show, Rachel Oatman and the rest of the color guard spin their flags as the Wall O'Sound plays on.

Performing during a colder game, Centralettes Jordan Taylor, Latrice Waters, Carmen Ezell, and Lacy McMurry are still all smiles.

Alisa Matlock

Sports

The fact is . . .

Sports teach athletes . . .

- how to work as a team toward a common goal
- that long hours of hard work do pay off
- the importance of physical and mental discipline
- how to have fun while doing what one loves to do

Sports involve a collective effort that includes . . .

- the support of the fans that cheer on the teams
- the hard work and sacrifices made by athletes
- the constant encouragement from coaches
- the bonding and trust built between teammates

The fact is . . .

Sports at East Central unite the Warrior family and provide the opportunity for athletes to shine doing what they love best.

PLAYING 'til the whistle BLOWS

> "Playing football for the EC Warriors has taught me to never give up and to keep trying no matter what."
>
> - David Brackett, Sophomore Linebacker

Although the 2007 Warrior football season was not all Coach Underwood, the team, and fans hoped for, no one ever showed a sign of defeat. East Central Warrior's determined spirit kept them playing until the whistle blew.

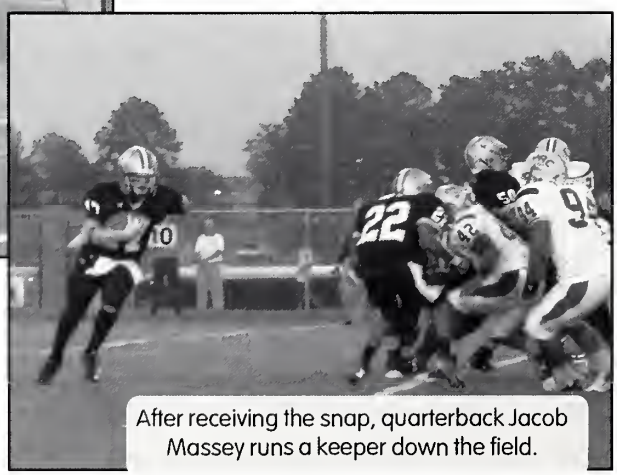
The 2007 season started off with the Warriors traveling to Scooba to take on their longtime rivals, the East Mississippi Lions. It was here the Warriors started their season off right. Despite the day's downpour of rain, the Warriors came away with a well-fought victory. Freshmen kicker Derek Crenshaw described his debut on the Warrior football team: "It was great getting to play in the rain and beating our rivals."

The remainder of the season consisted of highs and lows. Many games came down to the last quarter where mere yards or passes kept the Warriors from victory. This season had its share of high points as well. East Central was home to the number one tackler in the state, David Brackett, a sophomore from Philadelphia. Not only did the Warriors start their season off right; they also completed the season with a strong win, defeating Coahoma 32-21.

EC fans can all be proud of the determination our Warriors displayed in 2007. Wendell Phillips once posed the question, "What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better." The lessons EC Warriors have learned in 2007 are a sign of better things to come.

~ Kylie Rigdon

With nice form, Derek Crenshaw completes another successful punt.



After receiving the snap, quarterback Jacob Massey runs a keeper down the field.

FACT:

The first football huddle was created by a deaf student at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., to prevent the other team from stealing their sign language.

With excitement and pride, Fredrick Lyons and Randy Carter celebrate after an incredible play.

Roosevelt Ross tucks the ball safely away and heads downfield.

With determination and effort, Maurice Langston dives across the goalline for a TD against Coahoma CC in the final game of 2007.

Full of Warrior pride, Coach Steve Cheatham dons face paint for EC's game against Jones County JC.

During his final game at EC, sophomore Deon Williams makes a nice gain with the help of good blocking. At right: In the season opener, Maurice Langston looks for a gap in the EMCC Lions' defense.

Post-season Honors

Seated: Roy Friersan, All-Regian 23, first team All-State and All-Stor; Roosevelt Ross, honoroble mentian J.C. Grid-Wire All-American, All-Regian 23 and first team All-State; Dovid Brockett, honoroble mention J.C. Grid-Wire All-American, second team All-State; Henry Scott, second team All-State; and Freddie Porham, second team All-State. **Standing**: Jomes Jenkins, second team All-State; Deon Williams, second team All-State and All-Stor; and Morquis Horris, Spencer Spone, Jomor Lowrence, and Domeon Brown, All-Stors. Horris, Spone, Lowrence and Brown olso mode honoroble mention All-State.

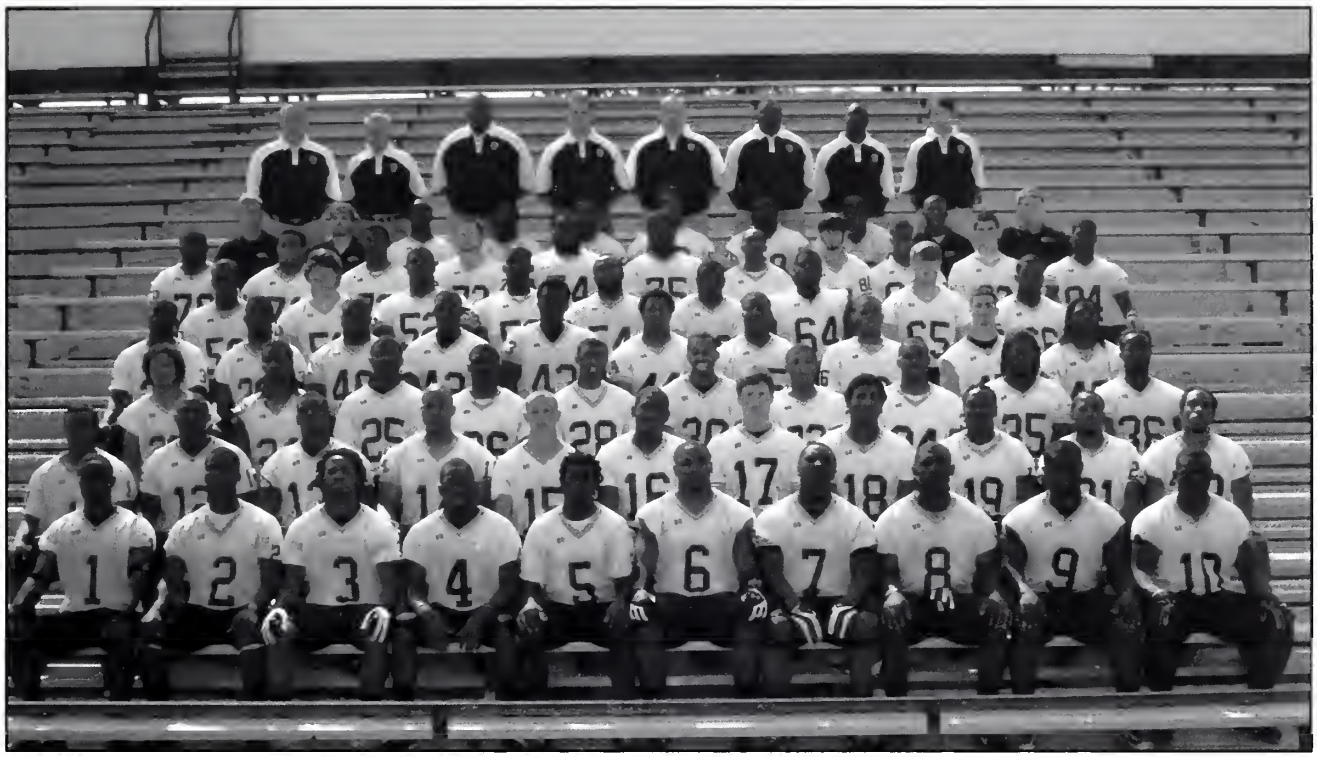
2007 Team Awards

Seated: Fredrick Lyons, Acodemic Aword. Henry Scott, Most Voluoble Defensive Lineman, James Jenkins, Most Valuoble Offensive Linemon; and Ray Frierson, Most Voluable Defensive Bock. **Standing**: David Brockett, Defensive Team Captain John Bailey, Mark Haskins, and Jomor Lowrence, Warrior Awards; and running back Roosevelt Rass, Most Voluable Player and Most Voluable Offensive Back.

Honorable Mention All-State

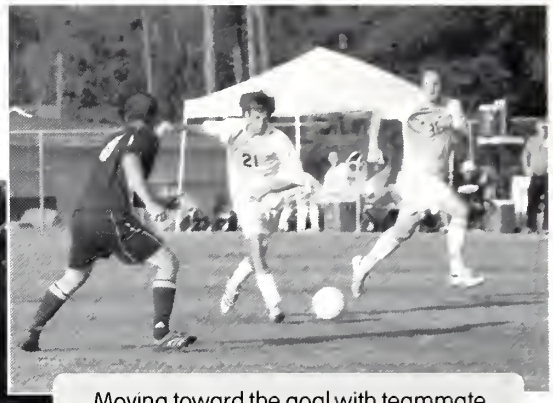
Seated: Domeon Brown, Torvey Brown, Kendrick Moy, Trovis Robinson, Spencer Spone, Marquis Harris, Michael Townsend, and Ken Whitfield. **Standing**: Fredrick Lyons, Jomor Lowrence, John Bailey, Chris Ivy, Mark Haskins, Vanzell Jackson, Ken Colemon, Beau Hannah and Derek Crenshaw. **Not pictured**: Quon Lowe, Lomorio Hopsan, Katlan French, Courtney Shelton, Josh Lewis, and Justin Maare.

With room to run, Freddie Parham carries the ball down field and prepares to avoid his Pearl River opponent.



Row 1: Cornerback Travis Robinson, free safety Ray Friersan, defensive back Jarvis Wilson, wide receiver Kendrick May, wide receiver Freddie Parham, linebacker Vanzell Jackson, quarterback Dean Williams, wide receiver Michael Townsend, linebacker Jamar Lawrence, and running back Roosevelt Ross. **Row 2:** Cornerback Damean Brown, defensive end Chris Ivey, defensive lineman Ken Whitfield, tight end Spencer Spane, wide receiver Katlan French, tight end Joshua Williams, quarterback Jacob Massey, tight end Lamarcus Claytan, cornerback Clint Coleman, running back Lamaria Hopson, and running back Maurice Langston. **Row 3:** Wide receiver Lamar Truman, cornerback Jarrick Calvin, cornerback Fredrick Lyons, strong safety Ken Coleman, wide receiver Justin Lenton, free safety Bruce Williams, fullback Marcus Travis, defensive end McKenzie Patrick, linebacker David Brackett and linebacker Brad Ellis. **Row 4:** Free safety Scott Holiday, strong safety Randy Carter, linebacker Harvey Brown, fullback Courtney Shelton, defensive end Josh Lewis, linebacker Anthony McDonald, defensive lineman Mark Haskins, linebacker Quardarius Wallace, strong safety Bryon Rizzi, and cornerback Roger Thomas. **Row 5:** Offensive guard James Jenkins, long snapper Will Butts, offensive lineman Quintin Scott, offensive tackle Terry Sparkman, defensive lineman Quan Lowe, offensive tackle John Bailey, offensive lineman Marquis Harris, offensive lineman Justin Moore, and offensive guard Robert Gaston. **Row 6:** Offensive lineman Eric Nelson, offensive tackle Matthew Lewis, offensive lineman Jeremy Dillon, offensive lineman Zac Harris, offensive tackle Kieandre Jones, defensive tackle Randall Ficklin, wide receiver Tremayne Bowie, kicker/punter Beau Hannah, running back Chase McIntyre kicker/punter Derek Crenshaw, and wide receiver Donovan Tate. **Row 7:** Managers Michael Pientowski and Robert Warren, wide receiver Tyler Walker defensive end L.A. Jones, linebacker Colin Carvey, defensive tackle Jasen Fairley, noseguard Lorenzo Wells, noseguard Henry Scott and managers Lurenzo Jones and Steven Landrum. **Row 8:** Head coach Terry Underwood; assistant coaches Steve Cheatham, Fredrick Lyons, Brian Jones, Kyle Watson, James Miller and Derrick Qualls; and athletic trainer Derrick Jones.

A step ahead of his opponent, Jerrid Hickman wins this battle for ball control.



Moving toward the goal with teammate Patrick Creel, Jeffery Grimshel focuses as he prepares to pass the ball downfield.

Gaining speed, Justin Taylor moves the ball toward the goal.

In hopes of scoring, Patrick Creel dribbles the ball into position for a kick to the goal.

FACT:

Soccer is the most played and watched sport in the world.

The Southwest CC opponent cannot keep Zachary Pillsbury from moving the ball toward the goal.

Looking downfield, Jeffery Grimshel makes a run to recover the ball.

BENDING It like WARRIORS

The EC soccer Warriors may not have "bent it like Beckham" in fall 2007, but they succeeded in "bending it like Warriors," playing with a toughness and tenacity that has been characteristic of past soccer teams.

When looking at numbers, the 2007 season left much to be desired . However, when looking at spirit and determination, nothing was lacking. The soccer Warriors put every ounce of sweat and determination they had into each game they played.

The team faced a tough competition throughout the season and experienced the difficult early-season loss of defender Zach Allen, who missed the majority of the season due to a broken leg. The Warriors also experienced a string of opening losses, but they rallied together and gave it their all during a hard-fought game against Southwest CC to come away with a well-deserved victory .

The season continued to be a difficult one for the Warriors, but their determination was evident all the same. Coach Kenneth Thompson had this to say: "Our guys worked extremely hard and battled through some tough times, and they came out stronger for it. The freshmen who will be sophomores in 2008 will help lead us into better times because they have faced adversity and know how to deal with it." He added, "Winning cannot always be measured in wins and losses," and the 2007 soccer Warriors were clearly evidence of that. With family and fans behind them, they never gave up and continued to play hard, remaining true winners throughout the season.

~ Kylie Rigdon

> "Whether we won or lost, we always were winners at heart. We gave our best and always played like Warriors."
>
> ~ Jeff Grimshel
> Sophomore Midfielder

FACT:

Goalies had the same uniforms as their teammates until 1913 when they started wearing different colored shirts.

Ready to score, Kenzie Gaines makes a run for the goal.

Hustling to keep the ball in play, Brooke White kicks the ball away from the sidelines.

Keeping it away from her opponents, Belinda Woodall dribbles the ball down field.

Allison Leach races to gain control of the ball and send it to the goal.

PLAYING with GRACE

The Lady Soccer Warriors started the season with two disappointing losses, but they soon found their fighting spirit during the third game against East Mississippi and took victory on rrior territory. With great effort, the Lady Soccer Warriors continued their season with poise, playing h game with grace and determination.

Throughout the season, the Lady Warriors never let defeat get the best of them. With perseverance d their minds set on victory, the Lady Warriors posted two strong shutout victories mid-season and ended season with a pair of wins against Southwest CC and Jones County JC.

The season had many bright spots. The team was one of the top defensive teams in the MACJC, ver giving up more than five goals in any one game—an accomplishment to be proud of in this division. ey were ranked in the top of the nation academically for the third year in a row, and the team received ly one yellow card all season, earning them the coveted Tom Shepherd Award for Sportsmanship.

In addition, the team had strong individual play. Megan Munn and Brooke White were leading rers in both the state and division. White finished her two years at East Central as the Lady Warriors' -time leading scorer, leaving EC with 22 goals and 15 assists. Munn was named All-State, and White de All-Region 23 as the fourth highest vote receiver.

The Lady Warrior S soccer team understood that it does not always matter who wins and who loses; how one plays the game. The Lady Warriors played the game not only with grace, but power as well— owing that girls can, and do, play rough on the field. uthor Maxwell Maltz summed it up best: "We find no l satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to nquer and goals to achieve" - two things our Lady Warrior ccer team did time and time again.

~ Kylie Rigdon

> "Warrior soccer was a great experience. I made many new friends that I will never forget, and I learned many valuable lessons that will last a lifetime."
>
> - Kimbo Seale
> Sophomore Sweeper

With the ball under control, Megan Munn gets ready to move around her opponent.

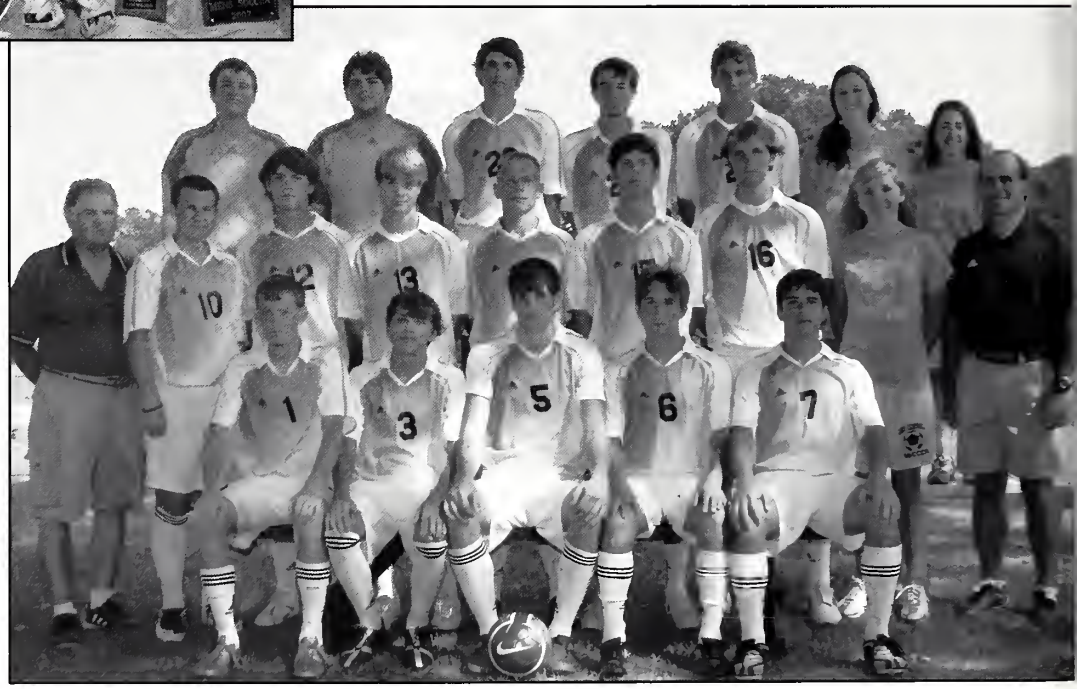
With teammate Megan Munn on the move, Chelsey Vincent passes her the ball as they advance it down field.

It's anybody's ball, and Taylor Booker and Jeffery Grimshel hope to gain control before their opponents do so.

Steadying himself before the kick, Justin Traylor prepares to send the ball toward the goal.

2007 Team Awards

Seated: Noah Cook, Academic Award; Justin Traylar, Hustle Award; and Sam Wilsan, Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, and All-State. **Standing:** Josh Maare, team captain and Warriar Award; Sam Lewis, Mast Impraved Player; and Jarrid Hickman, Best Defensive Player.



Raw 1: Dwayne Furline, Zach Allen, Kevin Poney McClain Mullins, and Noah Cook. Raw 2: Valuteer coach Roy Pete, Sam Wilson, Sam Lewis, Jerrid Hickmon, Jashua Moore Taylar Booker, Potrick Creel, Rani Evans, and head coach Kenneth Thampsan. Raw 3: Kyle Killens, Matt Turner, Zachary Pillsbury, Jeffery Grimshel, Justin Traylor student assistant Ruby Crew, and student trainer Kristina Moore

Soccer Warriors

Hoping to outrun her Southwest opponent, Kristen Pillsbury races towards the ball.

2007 Team Awards

Seated: Jana Johnsan, Academic and Warriar Awards; Skye Tindall Hustle Award; and Megan Munn Best Offensive Player and All-State. **Standing:** Braake White, Mast Valuable Player, team captain, and All-Regian 23; and Kimba Seale, Best Defensive Player. **Not pictured:** Meagan Klauck, Mast Impraved Player, and Kaley Ball, hanarable mentian All-State.

Row 1: Kacy Cavert, Chelsey Vincent Braake White, Megan Munn, Allisan Gibsan, and Jana Johnsan. **Row 2:** Student assistants Ruby Crew and Rani Evans, Kenzie Gaines, Skye Tindall, Megan Klauk, Sidney Gutierrez, and head coach Kenneth Thampsan. **Row 3:** Kristen Pillsbury, Belinda Waadall, Kaley Ball, Elizabeth Barney, Kimba Seale, and Catalina Tarazana.

Lady Warriors

Recipients of the *2007 MACJC Tom Shepherd Sportsmanship Award*

Against rival EMCC, Devarus Walker gets around the defender and takes it to the goal.

During House of Hoops, Karl Robinson passes the basketball to an open teammate in the yearly intrasquad game.

FACT:

The first "hoops" were actually just peach baskets and the backboards were made of wire.

GUNNING IT up and down the COURT

The 2007-2008 Warrior basketball team gunnedthe ball up and down the court for every second of every game. With determination and agility, they gave their opponents something to sweat about. Although their hard work and effort did not award them a seat in post-season play, they did, however, come out with some gallant victories and much experience under their belts.

With just as many freshmen as sophomores, the Warriors had a balanced team. The freshmen learned quickly, and the sophomores showed great leadership skills all season. Their record, though not perfect, showed that the Warriors never gave up without a fight. Many of their loses were only a goal or two away from a win. No matter the game's outcome, the Warriors kept their heads up and never lost sight of the goal: to play hard and make big plays on both sides of the court.

Never going more than three games without a win, the Warriors maintained a break-even record for most of the season. While a victory against rival MCC was out of reach this season, the Warriors did clinch victory against some other strong teams, including MS Delta, Gulf Coast, and Southwest. They even overcame a 20-point deficit to defeat a tough Northeast team.

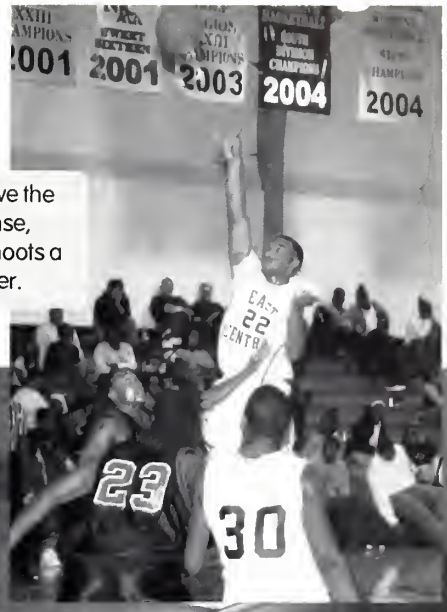
All in all, players, coaches, and fans had nothing to be ashamed about in 2007-2008, for the EC Warriors knew how to gun the ball up and down the court, giving their best in each game.

~Kylie Rigdon

"All season long, the guys played with a lot of heart and effort, and they displayed how much they believed in me and their teammates."

~ Maurice Bowie, Warrior Head Coach

Faking to the left, Dre Dickinson prepares to drive right past his opponent.



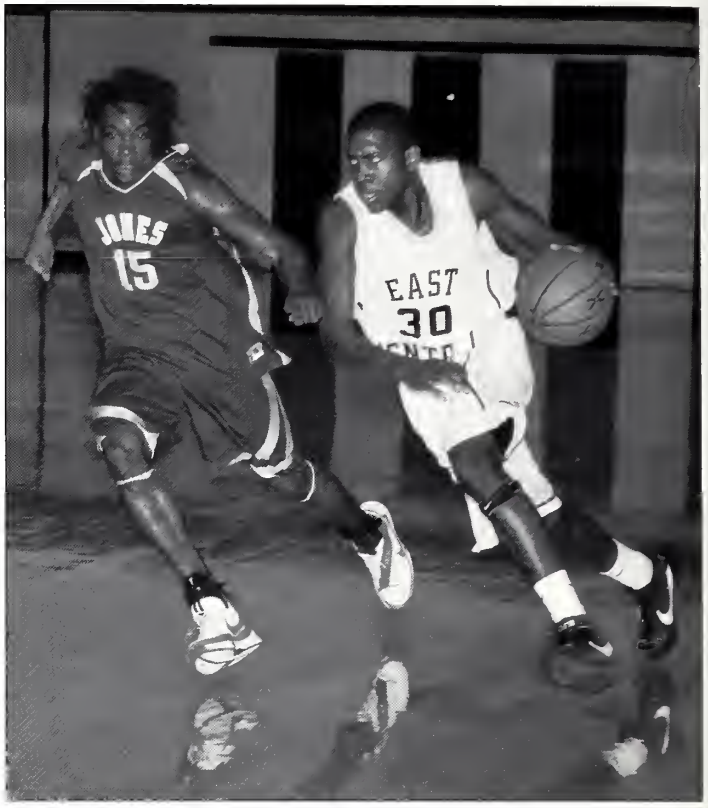
Towering above the EMCC defense, Mark Wilson shoots a short jumper.

With nice form , Brandon Shelton gets high off the court to launch his jumpshot against the Beville defenders.

Jumping just a little higher than his Co-Lin opponent, Darron Maxtion lays the ball in the basket.

With blazing speed, Josh Luckett easily stays a step ahead of his opponent.

Looking for assistance from his teammate, Marico Jones drives toward the goal.



Row 1: Devorus Wolker, Karl Robinson, Des Moroles, Justin Brown, and Brandon Shelton. Row 2: Marico Jones, Rod Lofton, Dre Dickinson, Marquis Wilson, and Craig Pruitt. Row 3: Darron Marion, Josh Luckett, Joe Thompson, and Tony Parker. Row 4: Head coach Maurice Bowie, managers Pacel Harper, Cealy Gronger, and Brion Davis, and assistant coach Brandon Cornelius.

Basketball Warriors

With his sights set an winning, Mark Wilsan rebounds and prepares far another shot at the gaal.

In a spectacular shaw, Darran Maxtian slam dunks the ball.

Laoking towards the goal, Brandon Shelton advances away from his appasitian.

NOTHING but NET

"Nike says, 'Just do it,' and we did it! The Lady Warriors set a goal, and we accomplished it. We are the Region 23 Champs!"
~ Tawayatha Evans

This year's Lady Warrior basketball team definitely had nothing but net. They won their first nine games and suffered only five loses all season, posting a 19-5 regular season record and earned entry into post season play.

With only three returning sophomores, head coach Bill Smith had much work ahead of him. However, the eleven new freshmen did not disappoint. Coming together and working hard, they pushed themselves for every second of every play. The returning sophomores showed great leadership, and the new freshmen brought spunk and energy to the table needed for capturing sweet victories.

The ladies knew how please fans and coaches as they pushed their way to success. Displaying passion for the game and a drive to win, the Lady Warriors played an exciting style of ball, never giving their opponents time to rest. The team's hard work and hustle was rewarded with the Region 23 championship. Two Lady Warriors made the all-region tournament team, Tawayatha Evans and Mystee Dale.

"Nothing but net" - it's a good way to describe the 2007-2008 Lady Warriors. Their shots were right on the mark, their defense was tough, and they had the victories to prove it.

~ Kylie Rigdon

Posted at the top of the key, Tanesha Brown is ready to put a play in motion.

Looking for an open teammate, Jordon Patterson guards the ball as she drives down the court.

FACT:

Basketball became an official Olympic sport in the 1936 summer games held in Berlin, Germany.

After pulling down a defensive rebound, Allison Phillips prepares to move the ball down the court.

Going for the win, Jordon Patterson launches a three-pointer.

With her determination showing, Alisha McAfee makes a drive to the goal.

On a fast break, Chotsani Henderson looks for a teammate under the goal.

Surrounded by Holmes defenders, Tawayatha Evans is still able to move inside.

Running past her opponent, Tanesha Brown works the ball around the key.

With her mind on the goal, Mystee Dale blasts past her opposition.

Outjumping her opponent, Alisha McAfee shows nice form as she puts up a jumpshot.

The Lady Warriors are all smiles as they celebrate their victory in the Region 23 tournament.

Row 1: Shae Caleman, Jaleesa Sanders, Caurtney James, Rashima Jenkins, and Allisan Phillips. **Row 2:** Alisa Matlack, Mystee Dale, Tenesha Brawn, Alisha McAfee, Michaela Lee, and Jardon Pattersan. **Row 3:** Coach Bill Smith, Carlena Clemmans, Tawayatha Evans, Chatsani Hendersan, and assistant coach Blessing Chekwa. **Row 4:** Managers Cartney Miller, Nicole Williams, Kothrine Taylar, and Queena Gage.

Lady Warriors

Region 23 Champions

Showing Warrior spirit, Juley Taylor leads the crowd in a cheer.

Gearing up the Warrior fans, Elaina James, Dru Anderson, and Dustin Evans lead a chant at a fall pep rally.

Daniel Steverson and Elaine James pair up for a stunt on the sidelines.

Kacy Covert and Phillip Vines are ready for a Warrior touchdown.

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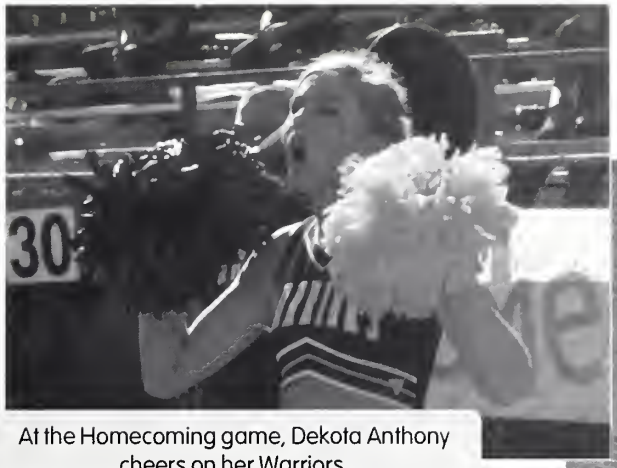
Athletes on the Sidelines

FACT:
Megaphones first came into play in the 1900s. Pom poms didn't hit the field until the 1930s.



At the Homecoming game, Dekota Anthony cheers on her Warriors.

Showing her athleticism, Anna Munn flies above the trees at a pep rally.

Though some don't really consider cheerleading a sport, they have to admit that it's not the football or basketball players doing backhand springs down the field or being tossed sixty feet in the air in front of a cheering crowd of fans. EC's cheerleaders do all this and more; they are most definitely the athletes on the sidelines.

In 2007-2008, EC's cheer squad could be found on sidelines spiritedly cheering on their team. The energy given off by these young ladies and men was infectious. No matter the score, the cheerleaders of East Central gave fans and team members alike the power to believe the Warriors could pull that last magic play out of their helmets, or pockets, to capture that last second win.

The smiles of EC cheerleaders could be seen throughout the year. They always showed immense spirit and energy whether they were getting the Warriors pepped up at a pep rally, doing flips and tumbles down the sidelines or across the court, or cheering at the games. Fans and players could always count on the those athletes on the sidelines to keep the spirits of everyone Warrior strong.

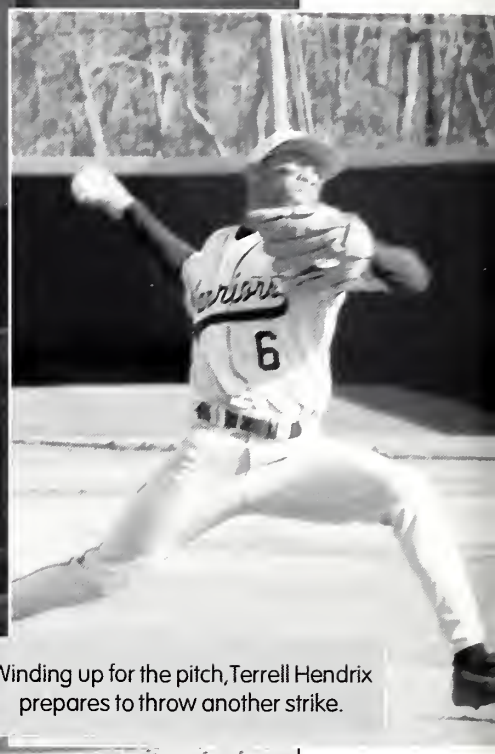
~Kylie Rigdon

"Cheering at EC gives me such a rush! I enjoy being at all the games and rooting for the team. I have grown close to all of my fellow cheerleaders and will always have great memories of cheering at ECCC!"
- Anna Munn

neeling: Elaina James, Anna Munn, Kacy Cavert, Dru Andersan, Dekata Anthany, nily Thrash, Juley Taylar, and Kayla Adcock. **Standing:** Austin McNair, Daniel teverson, Adam Brawn, Dustin Evans, Phillip Vines, Matt Naylar, Tavarius Walker, nd Noah Cook.

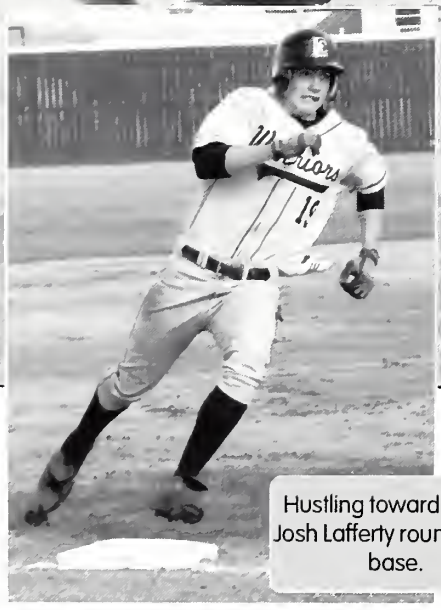
FACT:

The practice of identifying baseball players by number was started by the Yankees in 1929.



Winding up for the pitch, Terrell Hendrix prepares to throw another strike.

Waiting at the home plate, Brian Jones high-fives Jacob Casey as he scores against Scooba Tech.



Hustling toward home, Josh Lafferty rounds third base.

To release some tension, Jordan Robinson, Josh Denson, and Josh Lafferty enjoy a break between innings during a game against MCC.

TOUCHING all the BASES

ECCC's Diamond Warriors touched all the bases in spring 2007. They combined strong defensive play with solid hitting and brought it all together with teamwork and a never-say-die attitude. In post-season play, they not only rallied to beat rival MCC twice, but they also defeated nationally ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to capture the state title. In addition, head coach Neal Holliman was named MACJC Baseball Coach of the Year.

After winning the state championship, the Diamond Warriors advanced to the Region 23 Tournament and completed their season action with a 31-23 mark, the best record an EC baseball team has posted in ten years. Holliman's first season as head coach was a complete turnaround from the previous year; he and his staff worked hard to improve facilities and implement a game plan that would work at EC. Holliman noted, "We told our guys in the beginning that if they would do things our way -which may not necessarily be the best way for some teams but would be the best way for this team - and if they would all totally believe in it together - that they would succeed, and they did exactly that."

Pitching staff member Jesus Aleman agreed that the team came together well, especially at season's end. He gave perhaps the best description of the 2007 state baseball champions: "This team had the biggest heart of any team I have ever been associated with . . . and they never gave up, no matter the circumstances, no matter how big a deficit to overcome."

While the winning season was a team effort, several players stood out in spring 2007. Warriors receiving post-season honors included Terrell Hendrix, Best Offensive Player, Best Defensive Player, and Most Valuable Player; Joe Patterson, Most Valuable Pitcher; Josh Sheehan, Scholar Athlete Award; Joshua Denson, Most Improved Player; Jordan Robinson, Warrior Award, Team Captain Award, and Jamie Clark Memorial Award; and Chris Parkman, Team Captain Award. First-team All-State players were George Washington and Hendrix; Jesus Aleman, Denson, Robertson, and Patterson were chosen second-team All-State. Washington was also named to the All-Region 23 team.

~ Kylie Rigdon

> "There's no doubt that God has blessed this team in so many ways, and that His hand was on our team and coaching staff."
>
> ~ Neal Holliman,
> Diamond Warrior Head Coach

Following the banquet, Jesus Alemen proudly shows off his 2007 State Championship ring.

Diving back to first base, Chad Gosselin avoids being picked off by the MCC pitcher.

Another run scored gives Shenique Brass and Chasity Yates something to celebrate.

With a strong wind-up, Kady Chandler sends a strike to the plate. Chandler was the Lady Warriors' ace on the mound, finishing with 20 wins and just 6 losses.

FACT:

Softball was invented in 1887 as a winter version of baseball. At the time, the sport was played indoors and was called "Indoor Baseball."

SLIDING into HOME

The East Central Lady Diamond Warriors slid into home in 2007 - many times literally, but certainly figuratively. The team finished with another winning record and a third straight MACJC Central Division title, overtaking some of their biggest rivals in the process. Two close losses in post-season play put the state championship out of reach, but the Lady Warriors finished as one of the state's top four community college teams and had no reason to hang their heads at the end of the season.

The Lady Diamond Warriors posted a 29-22 record under fourth-year head coach Scott Hill, who had nothing but praise for his players. "I am very proud of this year's squad and what it has accomplished," said Hill. "We started off with an extremely difficult schedule, which may have gotten us prepared for division play. We played our best softball at the right time and captured the division title."

Ladies honored at the season's end included Candace Griffin, Jessica Shannon, Tiffany Thomas, Lore Kennedy, Amanda Schmidt, and Kayla Mullinax, Team Captain Awards; Lindsey Stevens, Most Improved Player; Sondreia Hillie, Most Outstanding Defensive Player; and Kady Chandler, Most Outstanding Pitcher. Schmidt also received the Lady Warrior Award; Kennedy received the Most Outstanding Baserunner and Scholar Athlete Awards, and she was named All-Region 23, first team MACJC All-State, and first team All-Division. Hillie received first team MACJC All-State and first team All-Division honors, while Chandler earned second team MACJC All-State and first team All-Division honors. Whitnee White was named second team All-Division.

~ Kylie Rigdon

"I am very proud of our entire team, especially our sophomores. They did a tremendous job for us the past two seasons, and we will miss them very much."

~ Scott Hill,
Lady Warrior Head Coach

Aftera teammate's homerun, Lady Warriors gather at the plate to whoop it up - "Warrior style."

After a great defensive play, Loren Kennedy and TiffanyThomas celebrate with a hug.

Making it home just ahead of the tag, Candace Griffin scores another run for the Lady Diamond Warriors.

With extra bases on her mind, Whitnee White swings hard and prepares to head down the base path.

Softball 2008

Rounding third base, Emily Thrash recieves a high five from head coach Scott Hill on a job well done.

Row 1: Haley Chipley, Amber Smith, Shana Easley, Lindsey Stevens, Sandreia Hillie, Shenique Brass, and Emily Thrash. **Raw 2:** Emily Waaten, Leah Dennis, Allisan Phillips, Cadee Russell, Erin Breland, Megan Munn, Kristen Pillsbury, Genny Freeman, and Drew Crawell. **Row 3:** Managers Justin Baane and Alex Deasan, Nichale Ball, Laura Smith, Amy Sharp, Whitnee White, and caaches Tiffany Thamas and Scott Hill.

Golf 2008

With a nice backswing, Stephen Poole prepares to drive the ball down the fairway.

Alex Deason , Kyle Killens, Stephen Poole, Chase Ward, and Daniel Johnson

Baseball 2008

Row 1: Luke Walker, Allen Cheek, Brian Janes, Jack Edmandsan, Kylie Ming, Terrell Hendrix, ZeEricka Hall, Brandan Williams, Dean Williams, and Jacab Casey. **Row 2:** Jared Clark, Timathy Malaney, Clint Coleman, Steven Barnes, Gregary Stavall, Kyle Buckley, Jash Lafferty, Robert Westbrook, Mack Creightan, and Chris Parkman. **Row 3:** Kevin Maare, Jesus Aleman, Carey Miller, Daven Willis, Tyler Nicholsan; coaches Michael Avalan, Neal Halliman, and Roberto Martinez; and managers Kevin Ripley and Justin Jayner.

With determination on his face, Robert Westbrook prepares to bring the heat.

Tennis 2008

Julie Gaines, Dru Anderson, Cheryl Dawell, Nichale Ball, Ashley Henley, and Kylie Rigdan

Keeping her eye on the ball, Kylie Rigdon prepares to return a backhand to her opponent.

With a nice backswing, Matt Wade prepares to hit a powerful forehand.

Row 1: Larenza Janes, Chris King, Jash Maare, Jae Nelsan, and Naah Coak. **Row 2:** Joseph Ciegla, Tyler Walters, Keith Brawn, Phillip Savell, Matt Wade, and Devarus Walker.

And that's a FACT

It's a fact that when the school year ends, goodbyes are always the hardest. The freshmen realize that next year they will be the "big dogs" on campus (except for the "super sophomores," of course), and the sophomores go forward in life to bigger places.

The yearbook staff hopes that you will enjoy looking back at this 2008 edition of the East Central Community College *Wa-He-Lo*. We brought the facts together and captured campus life from the first week of school until the final day of exams. We hope that you will take these "Facts of Life" and use them as you progress in life. We wish you the best and hope that you accomplish all your goals and that you never forget you days as a Warrior at "My EC."

As we continue to the future, we would like to leave with you a piece of the past. This piece is EC's Alma Mater:

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise.
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

And finally, we leave you with a few facts: The gases used in the Echo Satellite were developed by an EC student, Richard Mayo. Beverly Oliphant, another graduate of EC, was the attending physician of the Secretary of State, George Shultz. We end with these lyrics and facts to show that your days here have been precious and that what you do today affects what you do tomorrow. Like so many Warriors who've gone before, you can make your mark in this world. Do something grand, and you will be remembered forever.

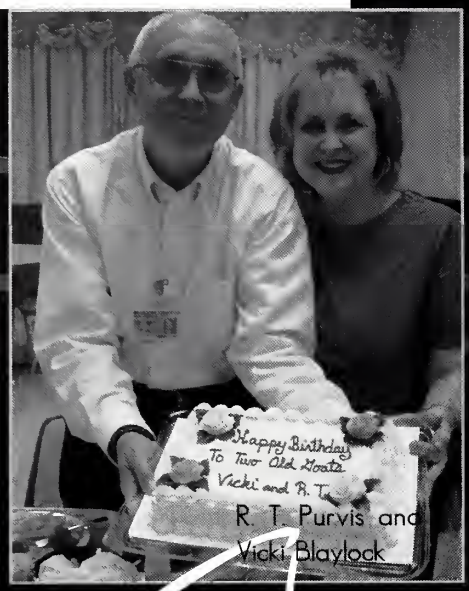
~Britni Wright and Candace Long

FACT:

East Central's Alma Mater was written by a former East Central student, Elizabeth Bustin.

Fact:

You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world.



R. T. Purvis and Vicki Blaylock

Mack Creighton, Daven Willis

Fact:

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

The Final

Fact:

On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

Rosie-Cross Hall's Rose Hair Tarantula

Kylie Rigdon

Fact:

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Fact:

The Tom-Tom was originally named the *Newsifter*.

Shaun Cooper

Kimberly Sanders

Fact:

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

FACTS!

Fact:

"Electronic mail" was actually introduced 32 years ago. In 1976, Queen Elizabeth sent her first e-mail.

Chelsey Holland

Brooke White

Fact:

Aspirin was discovered during an experiment with toxic wastes.

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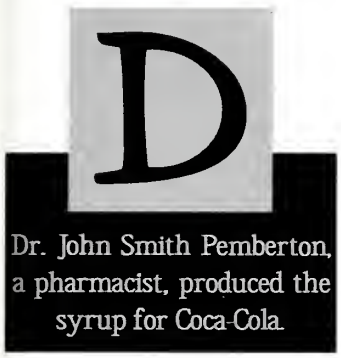

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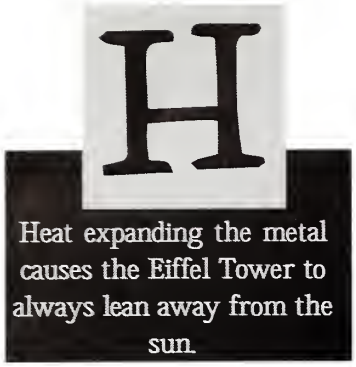

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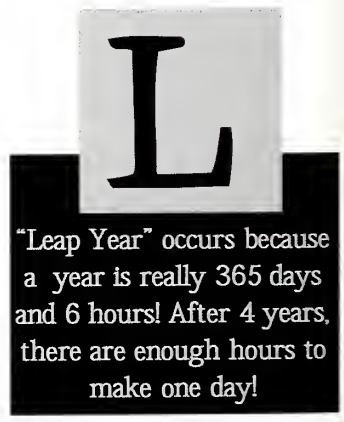

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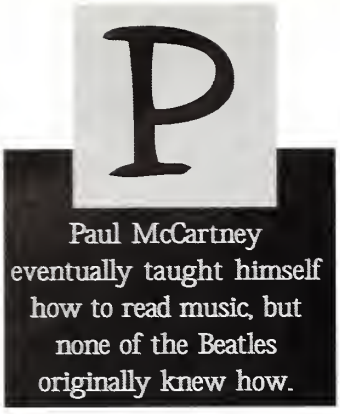

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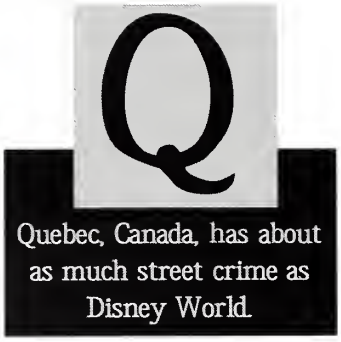

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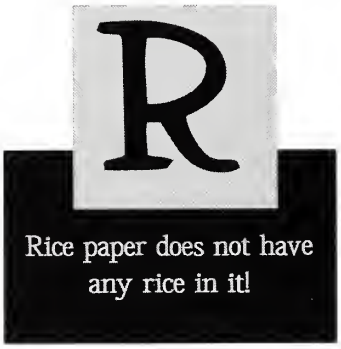

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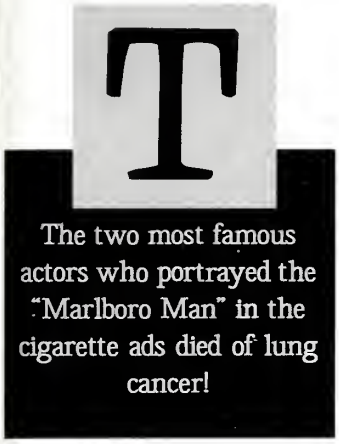

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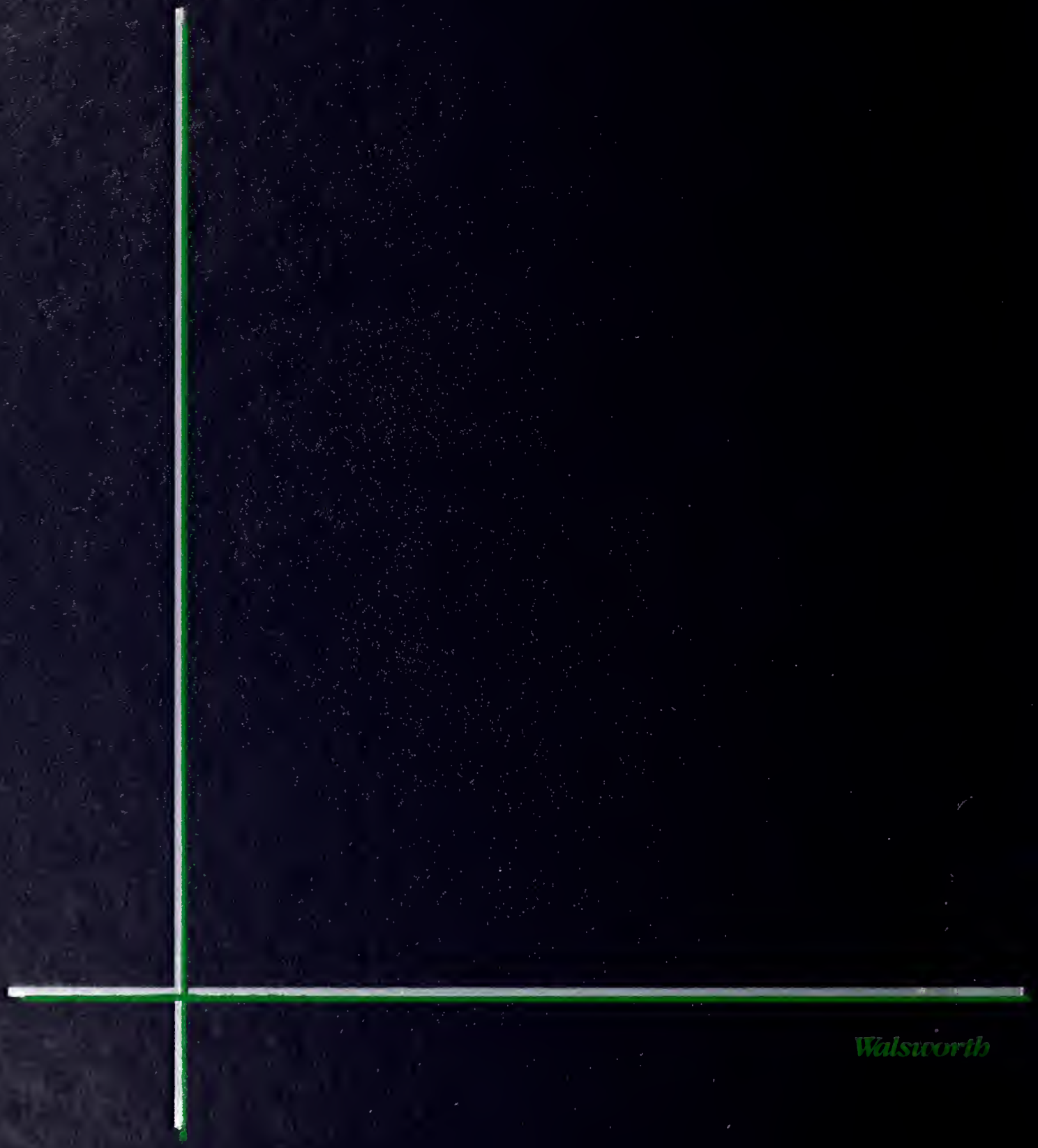

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